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Robert says goodbye to all that!



ROBERT Evans of Kenfig Hill recently endured the pain of having his long locks shaved – to help raise money for KPC Youth! Members of the Pyle-based young people's charity looked on in awe as Robert's locks were expertly shorn.

Robert's son, Jamie, is a former member of



KPC, and has recently joined the Army, passing out on October 16.

Alison Mawby, the project manager at KPC, said: "We would like to thank Robert for being brave enough to do this on behalf of KPC."

"We also thank Belinda and Jeremy of Maples Hair Salon, Pyle, for supporting the event, and hairdresser Gemma, who did such a professional



job with the head shave."

She went on: "KPC would also like to thank everyone who supported Robert by sponsoring him, and helping to raise more than £150 for KPC Youth."

"Best wishes from everyone at KPC to Jamie in his Army career," Alison added.

Welcome back...

THE Bridgend Town Council has welcomed its two newest members.

Haydn Morgan won the vacant seat in the Morfa Ward for Labour in a by-election, after the resignation of Lib-Dem Anita Langdon.

Claire Lewis was co-opted as a Conservative member for the Newcastle Ward.

Coun Morgan was previously a councillor but lost his seat in the elections last year. He was the council's deputy mayor at that time and would have taken over as mayor in the May if he had retained his seat.

Mrs Lewis is the wife of the current mayor Mervyn Lewis. Coun Morgan thanked the meeting for its welcome and said it was hard to fight your way back after being rejected by the electors.

HD company's sports and leisure blueprint

AMBITIOUS £40m PLAN FOR ISLAND FARM UNVEILED

A £40m development planned for the Island Farm area of Bridgend has been lodged with planners.

Bridgend Town Council and adjoining Merthyr Mawr Community Council, are both being consulted by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), as the plan extends over both council areas.

The plan, which is the latest in a series of proposals for the Island Farm submitted over the years, is being put forward by Bridgend firm HD Ltd.

The scheme includes sports and leisure facilities, an extension to the Bridgend Science Park, a heritage centre based around Hut 9 from the old prisoner of war camp, and also a wildlife park and landscaped parkland.

The extension to the science park will see the provision of low-density, high-tech offices.

The developers say in their application that their intention is to bring together a number of

REPORT by JAYNE ISAAC

major and popular sporting activities, to create a first class facility for the use of local people, but which can also attract major regional and international sporting events.

They add: "This will provide a major opportunity to raise the profile of Bridgend town and borough as a regional centre which in turn will provide social and economic benefit to the area."

The sports facilities will cater for rugby league, rugby union, football, tennis and boxing.

The plans include a 15,000 seater community stadium which will incorporate the following facilities:

- Administration offices for the use of Bridgend Ravens and others
- A gymnasium
- Amateur boxing facilities for the use of Bridgend Boxing Club
- A sports clinic
- Changing areas, conference rooms, corporate hospitality suites, restaurants and bars.

A country wildlife park extending to 25 acres will be created on the west side of the site, providing a natural habitat for wildlife including dormice and bats.

There will be woodland trails and walks, plus a visitor centre and café with picnic area.

A pedestrian and cycle underpass will link the site with Newbridge Fields and the town.

A car park capable of taking 1,250 cars will be provided, which could be used for a park and ride facility for the town centre and local retail parks.

The heritage centre and museum will be located in the grounds of Hut 9 – which is a Grade 2 listed building and the last remnant of the old World War Two prisoner of war camp.

Hut 9 will be restored and a museum will be provided to outline the history of the camp and the contribution made by the area to the war effort. There will also be an information centre and café.

The science park extension will be linked to the existing park.

An indoor tennis centre will also be provided up to LTA standards, and there will also be outdoor tennis facilities.

Bridgend Town Football Club will have a 2,000 seat stadium with ancillary training pitches, and Bridgend Ravens rugby club will have a 5,000 seater rugby union stadium.

Training facilities will be provided, including an all year round indoor multi-sports facility which they will share.

The company is seeking outline planning consent for the mixed use development. Full details about access and other issues will be available when the full application is submitted.

This will happen when each building has been fully designed.

The main access will be from the A48, although a second access via the Science Park may be used for major events to improve traffic flow.

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World descends on Porthcawl for couple's diamond occasion

A PORTHCAWL couple have just celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

Avril and David Questle celebrated with a family party attended by 35 relatives from all over the world at the Atlantic Hotel.

Avril is now 85, and David is 89.

The couple met when they both worked for the Foreign Service in Frankfurt in Germany.

They were married in 1949 in the British Consulate in the city.

Their oldest daughter Penny was born in Germany and the couple lived on the Rhine until 1954, when David resigned so that the family could live in the UK.

Their second daughter Jane was born in

London. After six years there, the couple moved to Porthcawl, which is Avril's hometown.

Both worked at the Port Talbot steelworks until retirement – Avril on computer stock control and David in production management and as a training officer.

They have four grandchildren – Ofer and Guy who are Penny's children and Leah and Joel whose mother is Jane.



Elvis is a big hit!

THIS year's Elvis Festival in Porthcawl has been hailed as "the biggest and best yet".

The sunny weather helped bring the crowds to the town, and there was even a surprise appearance by 'Gav and Charl'.

(See page 25 for details).

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Pencoed pupils take a Tidy lead in eco initiative



AS part of Keep Wales Tidy Week, pupils at Pencoed Comprehensive braved horrendous weather in their quest to clean up Pencoed of unsightly litter.

On the site of the Comprehensive School, 15 members of the school's ECO group from years 7-11 worked tirelessly and cleared the entire school grounds.

Mr Stuart Pownall, head of geography said: "I am very proud of my group of ECO champions and this is just the start of Pencoed Comprehensive's environmental journey."

Meanwhile, head of Form Six, David Owen, and 16 willing and brave sixth form volunteers, joined forces with local Pencoed residents, Mr Rob Lewis, head of Pencoed Junior School, members of their ECO group along with employees from Macdonalds, to clean up the main thoroughfare.

Upon their return to the school site, the sixth



form supported Mr Pownall's ECO group in their litter pick to ensure that the site was spotless.

The school intends to continue its battle against litter by organising further events in the near future.

DO

'Beware these scams' council warns residents

RESIDENTS in Bridgend county borough are being warned about two scams involving unlicensed charity clothing collections and bogus offers of a council tax refund.

A council spokesman said that one scam involves companies leaving bags at local homes, in which unwanted clothing can be placed out for collection.

Any genuine charity doing this would have

been vetted by the council and granted a house-to-house collection licence, which means they would have to account for all money they raise and donate.

However, a small number of companies were trying to avoid this process, and there was no way to check how much money actually goes to charity.

Deputy Leader David Sage said: "This is damaging the reputation of genuine charities and companies who raise money for local and national good causes.

You can check if a licence has been granted by contacting the council's Licensing section on 01656 643643."

The second scam has been reported by a number of other local authorities. It involves fraudsters telephoning people and telling them that they are eligible for a council tax refund before asking for private bank account details.

The fraudsters, who claim to be from the local council, but are believed to be calling from abroad, then use the details to raid bank

accounts.

"A genuine telephone call from Bridgend County Borough Council will not ask you to pass on your private bank account details over the phone," Coun Sage added:

"These scams can be stopped simply by remaining alert and using common sense.

"Never give out any personal details to someone who calls you - if you are entitled to a council tax refund, the council will send you a letter showing how much you are owed and offering the option of either deducting the amount from your next council tax bill, or providing a refund.

"If you are unsure if a caller is genuine, ask them for their name, job title and extension number and call them back through the council switchboard on (01656) 643643," Coun Sage urged.

Two Bridgend youngsters power on to apprenticeships



Matthew Pugh (left) and Gareth Downs (right) look forward to a bright future.

TWO bright sparks are among 150 youngsters beginning an apprenticeship with local power firm SWALEC.

Matthew Pugh of Pontyclun, and Gareth Downs of Bridgend (both 18) were shortlisted from 4,500 applicants to join an apprentice training programme run by SWALEC's parent company Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE).

To complete their apprenticeship, which usually takes between three-four years, the pair will combine hands-on practical work experience with theoretical study for a range of professional qualifications at their local college. These will include City and Guilds Technical certificates and NVQs.

The youngsters will undergo their apprenticeships at the company's contracting depot in Bridgend under the supervision of qualified engineers.

They have already attended an induction course which focused heavily on safety procedures, such as working at height, safe driving, lifting safely, how to handle power tools and the importance of wearing the right protective clothing.

"Once the apprentices have finished their training, the sky's the limit. The company prefers to promote from within its existing workforce, and newly-qualified staff can take full advantage of the firm's staff development scheme," a spokesman explained.

Tackle illegal parking in Bridgend - call

ILLEGAL parking on the hill leading from Minerva Street to Waunscil Avenue in old Brackla is not being tackled, Coun Haydn Morgan told Bridgend Town Council.

He said that the problem had been raised at several PACT meetings but residents had been told that the traffic wardens are too busy in the town centre to come out to that part of the town.

"The town centre is pedestrianised. What are they doing? They certainly are not tackling the youngsters illegally riding

ing their bikes through the pedestrianised area. It's like talking to the wall."

Coun Morgan felt that the wardens should be paying attention to the areas on the edge of the town centre where there were problems with parking.

Coun David Unwin said that people must keep up the pressure at PACT meetings.

"The police direct the traffic wardens in Bridgend so the responsibility for where they go lies with them. They are not under the direction of the council so at the end of the day, this is a police matter."

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BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon presented a Veterans' Badge to local man Alexander Macleod earlier this month.

Mr Macleod served in the 2nd Royal Welsh Fusiliers.



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'Take advantage of new home warning system' – older people are urged

ELDERLY people in the area are being urged to take advantage of a new warning system for the home.

Des Rees, chairman of County SHOUT, the voice of older people in the Bridgend county borough, welcomed Josie Hunsdon when she addressed a recent SHOUT executive meeting on the new Bridglink initiative, which is aimed at assuring independence at home for older people.

A SHOUT spokesman said: "SHOUT has always been strong in its view that upholding independence and dignity of older people should be top priority."

Bridglink Telecare is a home and personal alarm service, which, in the event of an emergency, can automatically contact a 24-hour control centre to call assistance.

Josie Hunsdon outlined the strategy and demonstrated some of the protection devices, such as the lifeline unit, temperature sensor, early warning flood sensor, panic button, and bogus call button, as well as the more familiar carbon monoxide/smoke detectors.

She described it as state-of-the-art, and said it was highly desirable for those nearing the time when they may be faced with hav-

ing to give up their homes, and thus part of their independence.

In fact, the system enables people to remain in their own homes with increased safety, confidence and independence. It works using a standard telephone line.

A range of sensors installed in the home raise the alert via the lifeline unit if they detect a possible problem.

To learn more, telephone 01656 6422200 or ask a carer. Interested parties should note that Jose Hunsdon is expected to address the next Porthcawl SHOUT meeting, to be held at Trinity church, Porthcawl, on Friday, October 2 at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

Cross-border action to clean up sand dunes

MORE THAN 60 volunteers were involved a major clean-up along the river bank and beach front at Merthyr Mawr sand dunes as their contribution to Tidy Wales Week campaign, sponsored by Keep Wales Tidy.

The majority of the volunteers were teenagers between the ages of 16-18 and their support workers from the Supported



Housing charity Llamau and Displaced People in Action Cardiff.

Llamau, who helped organise the event, is a charity working in south Wales to improve the lives of socially excluded, homeless people.

They see the benefits to their users of involvement in volunteering and regularly support Keep Wales Tidy in their projects locally.

Displaced people in Action Cardiff turned up for the day bringing 21 volunteers and staff to work on the beach front, where a great deal of plastic debris is deposited, ruining an area of great natural beauty.

All the volunteers worked hard on the day, removing 200 bags of waste from the area. The Countryside Council for Wales, who look after the Sand Dunes, provided

a quad bike and trailer and driver to remove the bags from the remote site.

Bridgend Local Authority and the Vale of Glamorgan Council joined forces in a cross-border operation to dispose of the collected waste.

Kelda Water allowed access to the site from their water treatment works, which made the removal of the waste possible. IH

College shortlisted for coveted awards

BRIDGEND College has been shortlisted for two prestigious AoC Beacon awards.

These recognise "exemplary initiatives" (programmes, courses, projects or other forms of teaching, learning, advice, guidance or support) across the UK.

The college submitted four applications to the Beacon Awards, and were shortlisted for the Mercers' Company award for science or mathematics and Edge award for practical



teaching and practical learning. (Shortlisted) - Application submitted for our 'Working Wonders' Administrative studies provision

The winners will be announced at the 2009-2010 AoC Beacon award ceremony during the AoC annual conference, November 17-19.

Charity's call for volunteers to champion climate change

THE Porthcawl-based environmental charity, Sustainable Wales (SW), is seeking volunteers to act as 'Climate Champions' to raise awareness of climate change and to help 100 Bridgend borough households reduce their carbon footprints.

An introductory meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8 at 7.30pm in the Sustainable Wales office at 41 John Street, Porthcawl.

SW director, Margaret Minihinnick, said: "Let's face it, today's young people will experience the rough side of climate change and global warming. Our generation has caused the problem and so we should be part of the solution."

"So we're looking for concerned people to act as champions."

More than 40 percent of Britain's carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, the main greenhouse gas comes from the energy used at home and in travelling.

Training will be provided by Richard Thomas, an experienced energy assessor. "It will offer basic knowledge and understanding in energy use (heating, lighting and running a home) and potential improvements like upgrading boilers, getting insulation up to spec or reducing car travel," said Richard.

"The plan is to develop a group of 'Climate Change Champions' confident to go into homes in their own community and do a basic energy audit of the home and the occupants' lifestyles."

"This pilot project, supported by the Waterloo Fund, intends to help 100 households reduce their carbon footprint."

Those interested in becoming 'Climate Champions' should contact Sustainable Wales at 01656 783405 or email mm@sustainablewales.org.uk.

CHANCE TO HIT THE HIGH NOTES!

WANNABE singers will have a chance for expert tuition on October 17, when Kate Woolveridge and Miriam Bowen of Welsh National Opera visit Bethlehem Church Life Centre in Cefn Cribwr to run a day-long, free workshop.

'Students' will learn how songs from the musicals, and operatic items. The day is open to anyone aged 13 and over, those under-16 will need to have an adult with them.

"All the work will be carried out in a chorus group so no-one should worry they'll be asked to sing a solo, a spokesman said.

"For those who get a taste for singing on the day there will be the opportunity to join the WNO Community Choir, which performs regularly throughout the year, with the chance to perform with the Orchestra and Chorus of WNO," the spokesman added.

No experience or musical ability is needed and there are no auditions. Pre-book a place by calling 029 2063 5062 or e-mail claire.cressey@wno.org.

Evelyn's 105th birthday!



Mrs Evelyn Warman blowing out the candles on her birthday cake, assisted by Sheila Thomas, activities co-ordinator at the home.

THE Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Rosemary Deere, recently visited the Royal Masonic Benevolent Home at the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court to present a bouquet of flowers to resident Mrs Evelyn Warman, who was celebrating her 105th birthday.

Evelyn was in good spirits for her birthday party, which was attended by all the other residents and members of the staff. Entertainment was



provided by singer and musician Clive Akari.

As in previous years, Evelyn continues to get out and about in Porthcawl, weather permitting, and pays an annual visit to the Marks & Spencer store at Culverhouse Cross.

Evelyn was born in London. She was married for 47 years and has one daughter.

Still very independent, Evelyn attends all the social gatherings at the home, and attributes her longevity to a lot of whisky every day.

Evelyn received cards from the Queen, Welsh Office and Welsh Assembly.

NEWS IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT ST CLARE'S SCHOOL

HANDS-ON LESSON FOR THREE PUPILS

THREE students from St Clare's School in Porthcawl have attended residential programmes to learn about industrial processes.

The programmes at Southampton and Ipswich were run by the Smallpeice Trust.

Mirali Patel, who gained 10A* grades at GCSE, attended a biomedical engineering course at the University of Southampton.

The four-day residential programme provided students with an understanding of biomedical engineering. Students received lectures from Finsbury Orthopaedics, and the University bioengineering science research group. These included a series of master classes and laboratory demonstrations.

Sam Griffiths enjoyed a unique experience at BT Adastral Park in Ipswich when 15 and 17-year-old students spent three days finding out how to turn creative engineering ideas into reality.

They were shown how technical innovations can be produced, marketed and sold.

Meredith Lewis attended a marine technology course at the University of Southampton showing how educational and fun activities provide an insight into the industry and the careers that it can offer.

Working alongside facilitators from Babcock Marine and the university's school of engineering sciences, students were assigned a project to build their own ship.

Headteacher Catherine Barnard commented: "We were delighted that these three pupils were selected to attend the Smallpeice Trust residential courses this year. As a school, we are committed to developing entrepreneurial skills in our pupils wherever possible and undertake several enterprise and industry based teaching programmes."



ABOVE:
The St Clare's pupils who took part in the courses.

Church calendars for sale

THE Parish of Newton Nottage has devised personalised calendars for each of its churches – All Saints, St John's and St David's – to raise much-needed funds.

They can be ordered at each church; or by contacting Jean Flower on 01656 784864, or Helen Owen 01656 785763.



ABOVE: All Saints Church. Picture by SJC.

Giant teddy bear rescued in pool less gala!

A LARGE crowd attended the second Porthcawl Pool-Less swimming gala held on Saturday.

The fun event, organised to highlight the lack of a municipal pool in the town, was run by Porthcawl SHOUT and took place in John Street.

A 'pool' had been marked out, complete with lanes, and competitors had to progress along using an approved heel-to-toe method of propulsion, although arm movements were freestyle.

The event was launched by town crier Debbie Trindle in her full regalia, and former mayor Coun David Newton Williams was the compere.

Newton Lifeguards were on duty, complete with their Baywatch-style rescue boards, and indeed their life saving skills were needed when one of the competitors – a giant teddy bear – got into difficulties.

Mandy Clarke from Kenfig Hill jumped in and effected a rescue, to much applause.

Competitors from as far afield as Cardiff took part and spokesman Gary Victor said that it was a great success.

"We designed it to last an hour and it lasted an hour," he said. "We had a slightly larger turnout than last year, which was our first gala."

"During the event, almost 400 people signed the petition calling for a pool to be included in the Porthcawl regeneration plans. That is on top of the 5,000-strong petition we organised when the public consultation on the regeneration was under way."

"Eighty per cent of those who signed live within the borough, while the other 20 per cent were people who live further away. There is a need for a pool both for residents and visitors," he insisted.



ABOVE: The winners of the Kids Swim Cup – the Porthcawl Guides centenary celebration team.



ABOVE: The winners of the Club Swim Cup were the team from YMCA Eagles.

BELOW: The onlookers were highly amused!



More entrants sign up for the swim.



ABOVE:

Many of the entries were in fancy dress!



ABOVE:

The 'Mayor's Bears' are a feature at the Pool-less gala, and are pictured above with Elvis, Coun David Williams, and Gary Victor.

BELOW LEFT: Drama as one of the bears gets into difficulties and is rescued by lifeguard Mandy Clarke.



ABOVE: The judges and timekeepers.

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ABOVE: The 'Mayor's Bears' – unmasked. Or should that be the former-mayor's bears?

LEFT: There were plenty of teams who entered for the pool-less swimming tournament.

PYLE & KENFIG GOLF CLUB NEWS

Food poisoning victim finds nowhere to hide on finals day



Simon Howell, Chris Cole, Steve Williams and Robert Bizzell.

FINALS day at Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club meant that the course was closed to all except seven major club competitions.

The green keeping staff presented the course in excellent condition in spite of the wet summer.

There was a family atmosphere on the day, as there were two fathers and their sons playing in different competitions. Golf obviously runs in the blood.

Doug Peet played in the Graham Bowl while his son Mathew was defending his club championship title.

Carl Prosser contested the Lipscombe Cup and his son played in the junior championship.

The main event was, of course, the club championship where the firm favourite, Mathew Peet, successfully defended the title he has won on several occasions in the past against an off-colour Tom Flint.

Tom had eaten something which gave him food poisoning and the game was suspended for a time while he recovered. Quite amazingly, this tall young man is training to be a jockey.

In the Sker Salver, Ian Howells, a four-handicapper, overcame Paul Lewis who plays off seven. Ian was in superb form and won by a comfortable margin.

In the Graham Bowl, Doug Peet could not emulate the feat of his son Mathew and make it a family double. He lost to Darryl James.

The Lipscombe Cup pitted two great friends against each other. Both play in the Cocks of the North and have been seen together at the 19th hole on many a function. However, friendship was left in the clubhouse for the duration and Carl Prosser beat Nigel Bird to claim the coveted trophy.

The Rosser Cup is the club foursomes competition where the two playing partners share a ball, playing alternate shots. Some believe that this is the most stressful form of golf, as players live in fear of putting their part-



Jacob Prosser and Tom Beale.

ners into trouble.

Simon Howell and Chris Cole survived the stress better than Steve Williams and Robert Bizzell.

In the junior championship, also played over 36 holes, the very in-form Tom Beale, a seven-handicapper beat Jacob Prosser, son of Carl, by four and three.

The Minnows Cup, played over 18 holes was won by Jamie Jones who beat Gareth Evans in a very tough match.

Readers are reminded that there are vacancies available for members. For more information, telephone the office on 01656 783093/771613 or the professional, Dylan Williams, on 01656 772446. Website www.pandkgolfclub.co.uk



Mathew Peet.

Youngsters meet a reading challenge

INCLEMENT weather did not affect the success of a summer reading challenge at Pencoeed library.

"Sponsored by the Reading Agency, the scheme is a fun way to encourage children to read in the summer holidays," a spokesperson stated.

"This year's theme was Questseekers, a fantasy adventure involving dragons and wizards. Successful Questseekers were awarded a well-earned certificate and medal at the end of their



Starting the quest.

thrilling quest and were entered into a fabulous prize draw.

"Thanks to generous donations from local shops and individuals, this year's prizes were

A TEAM of Porthcawl Sea Cadets was placed fourth overall at a recent swimming competition at MoD St Athan, between seven units in the south Wales district, beating some of the larger units – no mean feat as Porthcawl is one of the smaller units.

Porthcawl's team consisted of Able Cadet Anderson, Ordinary Cadet's Ceri Cheeseman and David Edwards, Cadet Nathan Williams and Junior Cadet Luke Hamilton.

Ceri competed in the freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and individual medley, winning all four events. David came a creditable second in breaststroke. Nathan came first in freestyle and butterfly and second in backstroke. Luke came first in freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke.

Ceri, David and Nathan, now go forward to represent south Wales in the area competition next month at HMS Raleigh in Plymouth.

Some of the Cadets will be going to Port Talbot in early October to attend either a Sea Cadet sail training or power boating course in



order to attain their sailing or power boating certification, which is accredited to the Royal Yachting Association.

In October, Porthcawl Sea Cadets are also planning to hold a sponsored 200 kilometre challenge

where they will complete a distance of 200K at Health and Fitness for all which is located in the Bethlehem Church Life Centre in Cefn Cribwr.

Porthcawl are also working towards the district First Aid compe-

tion and will also be preparing of the Remembrance Parade in November.

The Sea Cadets meet at Eastern Promenade, Porthcawl; 07873 249926; website: <http://units.ms-sc.org/porthcawl>

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Harvest festival

THIS year's harvest festival service at St Canna's Church, Llangan, was celebrated on Sunday, September 27 and what a happy occasion it turned out to be, made really interesting by the children taking part.

One group which was accompanied by Mrs

Ruth Williams on her flute was particularly entertaining.

The reading of a harvest hymn by Mrs Liz Mathews was followed by children reading two harvest poems.

The service was conducted by Rev Canon Val Hamer, assisted by Mr Richard Jones (parish resources advisor). The organist was Mrs Mary Lloyd.

Shopping fayre

ON November 14, a shopping fayre will take place in Llangan and St Mary Hill community hall at 7.30pm-10.30pm; Friday, November 27, an OAP fish and chip supper.

Please contact Mike Hall (01656 862472).

Workers' rights helpline welcomed

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon has welcomed a new national helpline for working people.

The Pay and Work Rights Helpline (0800 917 2368) will advise on the national minimum wage, agricultural minimum wage, and working hours.

Tug of war team sparks police alert!



PC Neville Evans lends a hand to the Tug-of-War team to help them with their training.

NEIGHBOURHOOD police officers from Porthcawl were caught up in a tug of war when they answered a call to investigate suspicious behaviour in the Sandy Bay area of the seaside town.

Sergeant Mike Davies and PC Neville Evans were responding to reports that people were trying to remove the boulders that surround the former caravan park and attempting to gain entry to the site illegally.

Sergeant Davies and PC Evans rushed to the scene as it was classified as a Grade One immediate response.

However, when they arrived it was

clear that there was no-one trying to gain entry to the area at all. It was a local Asian tug-of-war team which was practising on one of the boulders for their Asian festival in Swansea the following week.

The boulders were the only things they could find which were heavy enough to resist their supreme strength!

Porthcawl neighbourhood Inspector Alan James said: "When our officers are called to attend an emergency situation, they have to be prepared to deal with any number of difficult and unusual situations. This certainly was an unusual incident and I am pleased that they were able to offer some weighty advice."

What am I bid for these onions?

AUTUMN is coming so WI meetings restarted after the summer break

Members were welcomed to the new session by president Marilyn Davies. Miss Davies reported on a successful time spent at the car boot sale at the Rest.

After two previous attempts, the weather was very kind at last. The stall at the church fete was well attended and the time was much enjoyed by all present.

A member from Cefn Cribwr WI attended the AGM in London

LALESTON WI

on behalf of the institutes in the link group, and her excellent report on the occasion was read out by Margaret Williams.

Various future events were mentioned and will be fully discussed later.

The main event of the September meeting began—the annual Harvest Auction. Members had donated goods and the auction was in the hands of Maureen Morgan. Then the fun began with quick fire auctioning

of vegetables, fruit, plants, etc. As usual, it was a happy evening. A good sum was raised and Heronsbridge School was chosen to be the recipient.

The next meeting will be the AGM on October 1.

Since the new session began, the Luncheon Club met once more and on that occasion at the Red Dragon.

On the September 14, members joined the other three institutes of the link group for an Ascot evening at Aberkenfig. True to Ascot fashion, some of the ladies dressed in high fashion and then all joined in the racing.

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Cyclists tackle an off-road challenge for firefighters



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LEFT: Katie Godard, Natasha Evans and Muriel Curling.

A TEAM of 12 cyclists from Porthcawl have tackled a 55-mile biking challenge to raise funds for a firefighters charity.

With their bicycles already taken on ahead by Dave King, the Station Officer, the 12 keen volunteer cyclists set off at 8 am from Porthcawl Fire Station, bound for Brecon.

The team was made up of three girls

Natasha Evans, Katie Godard and Muriel Curling, and nine lads, David Williams, Hennie Parvini, Geoff McCann, Jeff Tombs, Carl Evans, Nathan Bennett, David Lloyd, Stuart Brodie and Paul Joseph.

When they arrived at Brecon, they joined the sponsored 55-mile cycle ride to Cardiff, mostly off road and through hilly country side.

It was 'Tasha's Taff

Trail Trial'; an event to raise money for a sponsored 10-day trek over the Andes mountain range to Machhu Pichu, the Lost City of the Incas in Peru, by Natasha Evans of Porthcawl.

The eventual beneficiary of her fundraising efforts would be the Firefighters' Charity – a cause close to her heart as her partner Peter Bevan, is a retained firefighter in the town.

RSPCA offers helping hand to pet owners in Maesteg

AN RSPCA team is visiting Maesteg on October 5-9 during Community Animal Action Week.

They will be providing free animal care advice, together with representatives from Dogs Trust, the National

Assembly, and Cats Protection at Caerau Community Centre, from 10am-4pm every day.

RSPCA Chief Inspector Romain DeKerckhove explained: "With the introduction of the Animal Welfare Act in 2006, there is now a

legal responsibility on all owners to provide a higher standard of care for their pets.

"In order to help people understand and fulfil this responsibility, the RSPCA is getting out into the community along with other animal welfare experts."

ISLAND FARM PLAN

(Continued from page 1)

A detailed environmental impact assessment is being prepared at the moment.

The developers say that they regard themselves as 'enablers' with funding coming from various joint sources.

When the application came before Bridgend Town Council, council leader David Unwin said that there was a great deal of technical information submitted with this application and he

felt a separate special meeting should take place to discuss it.

"This is a complex plan and we need more than the usual 21 days. I have spoken to the planning officer and he is relaxed about the time scale. We will need to get our observations in by October 30," he observed.

He also suggested holding a joint meeting with Merthyr Mawr Community Council, although the two councils may not agree to put in a joint submission.

"We cannot rush this and we need to devote an evening to it," he concluded.

AM's surgeries CARWYN JONES Assembly Member for Bridgend, will hold constituency surgeries on Friday, October 2, as follows:

Pendre Community Hall (4pm-4.30pm); Coity Gilead Chapel hall (4.45pm-5.15pm); Brackla Community Centre (5.30pm-6pm); Coychurch Memorial Hall (6.15pm-6.45pm).

Charity coffee

VOLUNTEERS from AADUC had good support from the public at the coffee morning held last Saturday morning at Sarn Life Long Learning Centre, to raise funds for Macmillan.

Included among the supporters was Huw Irranca-Davies MP, who popped in before taking his two sons to play rugby, and Bridgend Coun P Penraze.

Pen-y-Fai WI TO celebrate the golden anniversary of the federation, branches were encouraged to produce their own banners.

It depicts the church, chapel and the pub in the village, and was made by the members, completed in time for the service in Llandaff Cathedral in 1990.

Jean Griffiths, the president, welcomed ladies to the first meeting after the summer break when the speaker for the evening, Mr Ken Harris, gave an interesting talk entitled 'No rhyme or reason' which began with a story titled 'Grandfather's Pencil' written by Michael Foreman.

He read extracts from a number of books, encouraging members to notice the authors' choice of words and how they give information about the characters. A vote of thanks was given by Margaret Phillips.

A report on the last meeting in July was read out by Mavis Hek – a scavenger hunt in Bryngarw Park.

Cath Cody, also a member of Maesteg Women's Institute, gave an account of the national AGM, in the Royal Albert Hall, attended by more than 5,000 members.

A bring and buy sale was held, with all proceeds going to the Macmillan cancer charity. This was followed by a discussion on proposed future events

including visits to the theatre, Stratford upon Avon and the Christmas carol service.

It was also heart-warming to see the large number of Christmas shoeboxes that had been collected, and it is hoped more will be donated at the next meeting in the Pen-Y-Fai school hall on October 19 at 7.30pm.

Allotments

WITH more people attempting to grow their own garden produce, allotment plots are becoming scarce, except apparently those adjacent to Greenfield Terrace, Nantymoel.

Residents are complaining that these plots are so overgrown with brambles, that they are creating a nuisance by intruding into their gardens.

For prospective allotment holders, it is the ideal opportunity to grow your own vegetables by clearing vacant plots, and also being a good neighbour to help the old age pensioners residing adjacent.

Musical delights

I HAD the pleasure last Saturday to listen to Ogmogre Valley male voice choir's annual concert, funds from which were donated to help a three-year-old youngster from Brackla obtain specialist physiotherapy at the Bobath Therapy Centre Wales.

The choir kept the audience enthralled, but the concert also had a number of young solo artists who all deserve a special mention.

Ifan (13 years old) and Gwennan Jenkin (12) had played the piano since they were five, brass instruments since they were eight and are now learning to play the harp.

Both are members of the Bridgend County youth orchestra, have appeared on national television, and have competed successfully in the National Urdd Eisteddfod.

Gwennan obtained

Three friends take on Snowdon test and raise £500 for children's charity

FRIENDS Angela Fennell, Gemma Rees and Lisa Davies of Brackla Meadows Family Centre, Bridgend, completed their Snowdon Challenge and raised more than £500 on September 26 for Action For Children.

"The day was perfect and the sun shone on the summit, giving a perfect view of the surrounding mountains.

"We would like to say a big thank you to family and friends for their support and sponsorship," they said.



NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me. I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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second place in the solo dancing competition, while Ifan won first prize and two seconds in the piano solo competition over the last three years.

He came second this year, and actually lost the winning place by one point.

Gwennan played a solo on the trombone.

Ifan was brilliant on the Steinway grand piano, and brought a lump to the throat with a trumpet solo, as the choir sang the American Trilogy.

Next was Daniel White, a relaxed young tenor, who had been a finalist in the Bridgend young singer of the year competition, the senior section in Maesteg town hall this year.

He is on a two-year course of 'musical theatre' at Bridgend College, and is an active member of the Bridgend youth theatre.

Lowri Morgan started to play the harp at Ysgol Gyfun Llanharri, and while there became a member of the National Orchestra of Wales and won the Rotary young musician of the year competition in Rhondda Cynon Taff.

She went on to study music at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

She played the harp in a performance at Covent Garden for HRH Prince of Wales' 60th birthday celebrations, played at the Elgar Festival with the English Symphony Orchestra, and performed with the Cheltenham music academy at the Cheltenham music festival.

Bradley's parents were presented with a cheque for £350 to help them in their effort to improve

Bradley's lifestyle. The choir has raised almost £700 for various charities in September alone.

The choir practises every Thursday evening at 7pm at Canolfan Bethlehem and welcomes new recruits.

Band appeal OGMORE Valley silver band is rehearsing for the South West Wales brass band contest at Burry Port on October 10.

Colin Hogg, the musical director of Corus, Port Talbot, is helping the band prepare for this competition on a temporary basis. Obviously this is not a good situation, and the band would welcome applications from musicians interested in acting as musical directors on a permanent basis.

This band has an amazing mix – not only of gender but age groups. They rehearse at Bethania Row, Ogmogre Vale, on the A4061 opposite the junction with Corbett Street, on Wednesdays between 7pm-9pm; and on Sundays 6pm-8pm; and at the moment is looking for players of the cornet, horn or trombone.

The flourishing junior section encourages young musicians to improve their skills on brass instruments, with tuition by the talented Danny Stone.

Rehearsals take place at the band room on Sundays between 5pm-6pm.

Table top sale SARN Life Long Learning Centre will host a table top sale for St Bride's Church on Saturday, October 17 between 9.30am-12noon. Tables cost £5. Telephone

Kay/Maureen on 01656 767135/ 723512.

Debate

There is an open debate at Richard Price Centre, Llangenor, involving members of the public and Huw Irranca-Davies MP tonight at 7pm.

Musical evening

A MUSICAL evening is taking place at St Bride's Church, Llansantffraid on Friday, October 2 at 7pm with the Ogmogre Valley male voice choir.

Tickets are available from Kay on 01656 767135 and at the door for £5; all proceeds to church funds.

Church services

ST TYFODWGS CHURCH will be holding a parish songs of praise service tomorrow, October 2, at 7.30pm, with refreshments afterwards.

On Sunday, October 4 there will be a Harvest Festival Service at 11am.

St David's Church, Wyndham will hold a harvest festival Eucharist service at 5pm.

Football squad

EVERYONE associated with Tynrhyl Primary School, Llangenor, congratulates two pupils Kai Lewis and Ioan Davies, on being selected for the Bridgend region of the Cardiff City football club development squad.

As part of the literacy curriculum, class 3 will be working on a project which involves visiting the new Cardiff City football club stadium, assisted by education officers from Cardiff City.

Porthcawl couple are married in Pyle church

A PORTHCRAWL couple were recently married at St. James' Church, Pyle.

Rachel Anne Dare-Edwards, an employee of Bridgend County Borough Council, married Nathan Charles Keepins, an optician.

The couple were married by the Rev. Ian Rees, the Vicar of Pyle and Maudlam, with Canon Philip White.

The church choir sang, and were accompanied by organist David Davies.

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by KEITH E MORGAN



ANOTHER TOP AWARD FOR THE VALE RESORT

THE Vale Resort is celebrating again after winning a tourism Gold Award from Visit Wales.

It was announced last week by Heritage Minister, Alun Fred Jones that the Vale is the largest hotel resort included on the Visit Wales Gold Award List of accommodation for 2009/2010.

This recognises outstanding quality, comfort and hospitality in the serviced accommodation sector in Wales. The Vale Resort received a top AA score and new AA rosette for its Vale Grill restaurant earlier this year.

The Resort achieved an 82 per cent AA merit rating out of a maximum 85 per cent within the four star rating band, with its contemporary Welsh restaurant the Vale Grill achieving its first AA rosette.

Ben Danielsen, general manager said: "This is another great accolade for the Vale Resort and recognises our efforts and focus in providing an excellent and individual customer experience."

"Hospitality is all down to teamwork and high on our agenda is the development of colleagues to ensure they reach their highest potential and that we consistently provide a high quality customer experience."



TEAMWORK COUNTS: Resort general manager Ben Danielsen (front left) and managing director Stephen Leeke celebrate achieving a Gold Award from Visit Wales.

Operatic society teams up with RAF band

THE Porthcawl Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society is teaming up with the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band at the Grand Pavilion Porthcawl on Sunday, October 11, for a special concert entitled *Broadway Meets Hollywood*.

The band will be performing many favourite themes, including 'The Great Escape', 'The Dambusters March', 'Aces High' and 'Pirates of the Caribbean'.

The operatic society presents songs and choruses from popular shows such as *My Fair Lady*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Oliver* and *South Pacific*.

The show begins at 7.30pm and tickets are available from the box office.



LEFT: Musical director Mike Plowman rehearses the cast of 'Broadway meets Hollywood'.

(Photograph by Keith E Morgan).

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE?

County borough planning proposals

Abbey National PLC – 13 Adare Street, Bridgend – various illuminated and non-illuminated signs.

Mr R Stephens – land adjacent 23 Canberra Road, Bridgend – erection of detached three-bedroom dwelling.

Mr S Lambert – 34 Princess Street, Maesteg – first floor bedroom WC extension over existing.

Mr J Griffiths – 66 Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend – rear two-storey extension.

Barratt Homes Limited – land adjacent Ogwr Fach and Ebenezer Court, Blackmill, Bridgend – mixed use development comprising 43 residential units, work units and enterprise centre.

Mr JH Williams – 6 Preswylfa Court, Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend – consent for continued use of satellite dish located on the front elevation of the property.

Mr IJ Brunt – 20 Acland Road, Bridgend – single storey extension to rear for disabled shower room and single storey extension to side for kitchen.

Mr S Penpraze – 12 Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig, Bridgend – two storey rear/side extension to enlarge kitchen and incorporating new garage space.

Mr A Patterson – land at 1 Dan y Bryn, Evanstown, Gylfach Goch – new dwelling in the grounds of 1 Dan y Bryn (outline application).
Mr B Bilsberry – 9 Erw Wen, North Cornelly – application to regularise elevations of previously approved consent 03/1520.

Linc-Cymru Housing Association – 12 Park Terrace, Tondur, Bridgend – replace slate roof, rebuild chimney, new windows and front door, cast iron rainwater goods and works to the rear.

MsC Hill – 16 Court Street, Maesteg – single storey extension to rear to provide single bedroom and en-suite shower room.

East Lancs Moneyline (IPS) Ltd – 92 Nolton Street, Bridgend – change of use from hairdressing salon (currently vacant) to use as a credit lending/financial advice.

Mr J Cooke – 22 Newbridge Gardens, Bridgend – refurbishment of detached house including side and rear extensions.

Mr I Jankovic – 5 Tanyrallt Avenue, Litchard, Bridgend – garage to replace pre-fabricated building.
Mr TR Ginn – 3 Maes Glas, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend – first floor rear extension.

Mr Annis – 4 Lowlands Close, Broadlands, Bridgend – conservatory and low level store to side and extension to decking.

Mr H Davies – 1 Hubert Drive, Litchard, Bridgend – disabled facilities including single storey extension and attached garage.

Cambrian Stone Ltd/Tarmac Ltd – Cornelly Quarry and Grove Quarry, South Cornelly – periodic review of the IDO permitted area.

Mr P Fitzgerald – 11 Masfield Mews, Cefn Glas, Bridgend – replace hipped roof with gable to allow of dormer windows to provide enlarged bedroom and new.

Mr D Wybron – 8 Iestyn Drive, Pencoed – single storey rear extension.

Davies Logistics Ltd – Plot 55, Brynmenyn Industrial Estate, Brynmenyn, Bridgend – commercial vehicle workshop and office.

Mr S John – The Woodlands, 51A Birch Walk, Porthcawl – single storey lounge extension on rear elevation.

HD Limited – Island Farm, Bridgend – new development (mixed use sport leisure commercial offices).

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Third music festival hits top note at Penmark

THE Third Penmark Music Festival on September 19 was voted a "great success" when 250 people enjoyed an afternoon of music, ranging from opera through jazz, big band songs to rock'n'roll and ballads.

Andrew Matthews had arranged a stellar cast, which included Susie Smart from Operamint, Andrew himself, Sheila-Ann Farrier, the Llancarfan School Choir (who were brilliant), Beyond All Doubt (Sam Woollett's group) and Harry Brooks.

But these were only the supporting acts for the main stars, the Nigel Hart Jazz Band, who played their own music and then were joined by Jeff Hooper, who entertained us with a repertoire from the big band era.

Chloe Davies of Moulton returned to cap her memorable performance last year with an even more memorable one this year, which included some of her own songs. (Chloe has now made her first CD - it won't be her last) and the whole show was compered by Mac Perry who filled in the changes of the show with his own songs.

Of the 'volunteers' who helped,

James Barnsley deserves a mention. Not only was his singing wonderful, but he brought his own 'groupies'...

Lunch was a mini hog-roast (pork, apple sauce and stuffing in a bag) followed by dessert.

This was our third music festival, but for 2009, we had shifted up a gear and were a bit worried about the cost of putting on the show.

We needn't have done so, as the support from everyone was magnificent. Special mentions must go to James Barnsley and the Six Bells who sponsored some of the beer and helped by ordering and cooking the food, Mark Rees who also sponsored the bar and provided a lorry and trailer for our stage, while the Six Bells, Pen and Paper of Cardiff and Tesco provided excellent prizes for our raffle.

Thanks to all, plus the committee and volunteers who helped during the day.

It looks as if we have made a very handy profit which will help run our village hall and pay for the new floor which is badly needed.

We are hoping to have an even bigger and better festival next year (Glastonbury look out!)

GAVIN DAVIES



Llancarfan School Choir were a big hit at the music festival.



James Barnsley was in good voice.



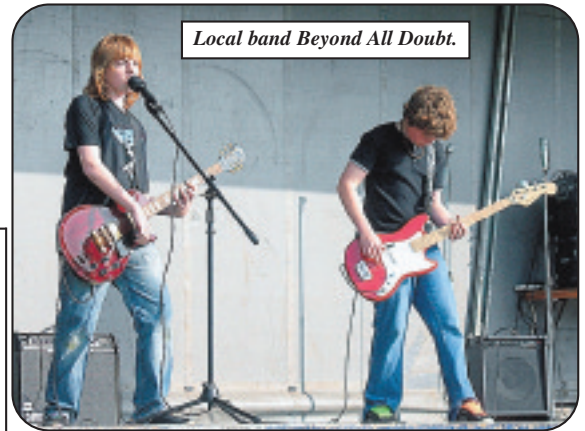
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Jeff Hooper with the Nigel Hart band.



Chloe Davies wowed the audience.



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Youth group puts on showcase event

A LOTTERY-FUNDED local group, CYPIC (Children and Young People in the Community) recently hosted a showcase event at Castleland Community Centre.

After a six-week summer programme of various sporting, arts and crafts and music workshops, including singing, dancing and cheerleading, there was an opportunity to show the skills acquired from these workshops.

Many of the young people performed in front of the community, expressing their new found skills and

having fun.

CYPIC co-ordinator Soraya Cordle said: "The summer programme was a great success. I am proud of all who took part, they showed so much courage and put in a lot of hard work and effort. They had a short amount of time to learn routines and songs so, as you can imagine, it was tense and tiring for us all, but the hard work paid off, well done!"

For further information on any of the CYPIC projects and activities, contact Soraya Cordle (co-ordinator) at Drop In Centre, 3 Dunlin Court, Barry CF63 4JY, tel: 01446 403549.

News from Dinas Powys Welsh Society

CYMDEITHAS Gymraeg Dinas Powys has been serving the needs of the Welsh speaking population of the village, as well as Penarth and Sully, over 40 years.

We have always been well supported by non-Welsh speakers and always welcome those who are learning the language.

We meet six times a year, we celebrate Harvest and Christmas with services at St Peter's Church when we are joined by children from local schools, and St David's Day is celebrated with a dinner. We have visiting speakers and quizzes and a charity evening which has raised thousands of pounds for worthy local charities at our themed charity night in November.

Our charity this year is the newly re-established Ysgol Feithrin (Welsh Nursery) under the leadership of Sian Sutton - this is great news for the village.

Programme of events: Monday, October 5, Harvest Festival Service at St Peter's Church, 7pm; Friday, November 20, charity evening 'Black and White', Lee Hall, Dinas Powys Food, Bar and Entertainment £10 7.30pm; Monday, December 21, Carol Service at St Peter's Church 7pm; Monday, February 1, quiz with teams from other areas; Monday, March 1, St David's Day Dinner; Monday, April 12, 'Where in the World?' - an evening with world wide explorers.

Rhys Davies (chairman) welcomes newcomers to join in the hwy, in any or all the events listed.

Further information from secretary Iris Cobbe on 029 2051 3413.

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THE DEFENCE COLLEGE PLAN IS RUBBER STAMPED BY VALE COUNCIL

IN the end, the Defence Technical College (DTC) at MoD St Athan was not so much debated, as rubber stamped at last week's meeting of the Vale Council planning committee.

Given the fact that it was, by general agreement, the biggest and most complex application to ever appear before the council, the average observer would have been surprised at how few councillors had anything to say about it.

Not that the members of the press were complaining, you understand. With a DTC application running to 240-odd pages, and an Aerospace Business Park (ABP) application running to 160, a line-by-line debate could have lasted two days.

Nevertheless, I have heard planning committees get more excited by a debate over a loft extension.

So who did speak? First was Coun Gwyn John from Llantwit Major, who said that he was speaking on behalf of Llantwit Major Town Council and other community councils in the area.

He began by saying that all the local residents he had spoken to were totally in favour of the DTC plans "inside the wire".

The problems, he explained, concerned the plans that will take the DTC outside the existing boundaries of MoD St Athan.

He outlined these problems to the planning committee, and many will be familiar to GEM readers, as they have been highlighted in this newspaper in recent weeks.

Coun John said that the Northern Access Road (NAR) has attracted considerable opposition, as it will take road traffic close to areas that, at the moment, are quiet and peaceful.

He was particularly upset on behalf of Milllands Park residents, saying that many were elderly and had retired there for a quiet life. Residents in Llanmaes and Monmouth Way would also be affected.

He insisted that the NAR was in contravention of the Vale Council's own UDP, and said that noise from the new road would be "unbearable".

He argued that the NAR was not essential for the DTC and ABP, and urged the council to drop this aspect of the plan.

He was also concerned that the firing range would be too close to existing homes, and that a Field

PHILIP IRWIN REPORTS ON A LANDMARK VALE PLANNING 'DEBATE'

Training Area (FTA) where soldiers would train to cope with ambushes, was also far too close.

His other main objection was to the number of Service Family Accommodation (SFA) units that are to be built 'outside the wire'. He told the committee: "This has come about because the original plan was to put these homes on the golf course at RAF St Athan.

"I am glad that the golf club has been saved, but there was no need to respond by putting houses outside the wire."

Coun John was not a member of the committee, but he found support from a councillor who is, the leader of Plaid Cymru on the Vale Council, Coun Nic Hodges.

Now, no one could accuse Coun Hodges of being a flag-waver for the DTC.

Some months ago, he claimed that the DTC would lead to Llantwit Major being overrun with "drunken squaddies".

He pointed to the same objections as Coun John, the NAR, the SFA and the firing ranges.

He said: "There was a high level of support for this project, which swayed the bid in its favour, but local support since then has been haemorrhaging."

He had his own solution for the problem of the firing ranges, pointing out that Wales already had similar facilities in Sennybridge and in west Wales.

He said: "Let us just put them all in a bus and drive them out to an existing range."

His Plaid colleague Val Hartrey also expressed reservations, saying that the 'Valleywood' scheme had dwindled away to just housing, with the promised film studios now lying empty.

However, when it came to the vote on the DTC, Coun Hodges found that his Plaid colleagues were not following their leader – and he was the only one to vote against.

When it came to the Aerospace Business Park vote, that was passed unanimously.

Coun Eric Hacker and Coun John Clifford, both from Llantwit Major, also expressed concern about the effect on their constituents, but there were no other contributions.

So what swayed the rest of the planning committee?

It could only be the contribution of Rob Thomas, the Vale Council's head of planning and transportation.

Mr Thomas went through the two reports, highlighting the areas where there was disagreement, and said that, as a result, the council had put more than 60 conditions on the development – all designed to

protect local residents.

There was much talk of decibel readings, and protective bunds, and sound reduction measures, and action to prevent light pollution.

In answer to Coun Hartrey's reservations, he insisted that the Northern Access Road cannot be built until there is formal approval for the entire project.

This, he said, would mean that it was impossible for a 'housing only' development to take place.

Golf range is to close as crematorium gets go-ahead



An artist's impression of how the crematorium will look.

THE owner of South Wales Golf Range based on the Port Road Barry has expressed his sadness that it will close at the end of October after plans for a crematorium were given the green light.

Mr Simon Cox, aged 57, built the driving range from scratch in 1985, and it was opened by rugby legend Gareth Edwards, who was being coached by Mr Cox at the time.

Mr Cox said: "We are closing at the end of the month because the lease is not being renewed and the crematorium is going ahead.

"I think the landowners believe it will be more financially advantageous."

Over the last 24 years thousands of would-be golfers have visited the range from all over south Wales.

Mr Cox explained: "It has been the oldest golf range and small course in Wales.

"When I took it over it was overgrown, but with a lot of love and hard work we turned it into something picturesque."

Mr Cox is concerned that it is a case of another facility being lost at a time when the Welsh Assembly Government is encouraging people to be more active.

He explained: "The spectrum of people who come is vast, from youngsters age three to a man who was here last week and aged 95!

"For local golf clubs it will be a

blow too, because thousands of people started the game here and went on to join clubs.

"We made everything as affordable as possible – operating on a 'pay as you go' basis – we didn't have on-going membership fees.

"I'm concerned about where people will now be able to go to get a start in the game."

Mr Cox pointed out that Rhys Davies, the only Welshman in the British Open this year, started to learn the game at the range at the age of eight.

The GEM understands that the crematorium, which will be the first in the Vale, will have an access point half way between Pencoedre Lane and the roundabout at the top of the Docks Link Road.

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LLANTWIT MAJOR 'SKATEFEST' HAILED A HUGE SUCCESS



MORE than 150 skaters and BMX riders enjoyed a "fantastic day" at Llantwit's first "Skatefest" on the newly-refurbished ramps at Frampton recently.

Vale youth services and the Pulse team provided a barbecue and Tribe skateboarding services brought along mobile skate equipment for the skaters to evaluate, and two professional skaters to demonstrate their skills.

An event spokesman said: "As soon as the mobile ramps were unveiled, the skaters were soon performing gravity-defying leaps and jumps, with skills to match the professionals."

"Skaters came from Penarth, Rhosneigr, Dinas Powys and Bridgend – as the word spread to be part of Llantwit's Skatefest."

He continued: "The joint collaboration between the Vale Council's parks department participation officer, the Vale youth services, Llantwit's Pulse Team, Creative Rural Communities and Major Skate, was a superb way to highlight the positive nature of young people's participation in their communities."

Andy Borsden of the youth service said: "With so many people in one spot, there was no trouble and it was a joy for my team to be part of it; the weather was brilliant"

The skaters and BMX riders filled in questionnaires evaluating wheeled sports facilities for young people in Llantwit and the Vale, and the comments regarding the new facilities in Frampton were overwhelmingly positive.

Derek Naylor, a founder member and chairman of Major Skate commented: "This has been a fantastic day for the skaters of Llantwit and emphasises the popularity of skateboarding in the Vale and the desire to upgrade facilities."

"As a group we wish to thank the collaboration with the Vale Council, Creative Rural Communities for funding and the Youth services for helping to get the new facilities up and running in such a short period of time."

"It has been a hugely successful project and we also want to acknowledge the continued support from councillors and the people of Llantwit."

He added: "The exemplary manner with which the skaters of Llantwit hosted our guests for the first of many Skate Fests was commented on by many, and was something to be proud of."



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ELLIOT BEYNON

Vale AM's surgery
JANE HUTT AM for the Vale, will be holding a surgery on Saturday, October 3, between 10am-12noon, at Cowbridge Town Hall. No appointments are necessary.
Telephone the AM's office on 01446 740981 if you would like more information.

'Keep your dogs under control' – plea by farmer after his steer is attacked

A LLANTWIT MAJOR farmer is calling for dog owners to keep their pets under control – after one of his cattle had part of its tongue bitten off!

Gareth Lucas, who has a beef herd which grazes near the coastal path, made the shock discovery last Thursday (September 24).

The steer had lost a section of its tongue, at least two inches in length, and Mr Lucas told The GEM:

"I can think of no alternative explanation, and neither could the vet who came to examine the steer."

He said: "I have no problem with people walking in the area and



cannot control their dog, it must be kept on a lead. A number of walkers have told me about dog owners who frequently let their animals chase my cattle.

"I hope that someone will come forward and identify them."

He told The GEM that at first, he was worried that the injury would stop the steer eating, and that it might have to be put down.

However, it is able to get some nourishment by chewing on long grass, using its lips, but it still cannot cope with short grass or any special cattle feed.

Mr Lucas said: "I know that it is only a tiny minority who act in this way, but this incident has caused the steer an enormous amount of distress."

ABOVE
The steer, with the end of its tongue bitten off.

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OWNERSHIP IN QUESTION

Who owns the Pricetown clock?

THE ownership of a valley landmark is being investigated.

The clock at Pricetown Square is badly in need of repair and refurbishment. It has stood on the roundabout in the village since it was provided by the old Miners' Welfare organisation, using funds from the Medical Aid Society.

The advent of the National Health Service in 1948 meant that the miners no longer needed to pay for the doctors and hospitals in the valley.

Ogmore Valley Community Council recently staged a public consultation on what should happen to the clock, which has now become a focal point for young trouble-makers in the area.

Youngsters sit on the steps around the clock, which has four faces, drinking and creating a noise and nuisance for local residents.

At a special meeting of the council to discuss the future of the clock, members heard that the majority of residents wanted to see it remain in situ, rather than have it removed or relocated.

Mr Huw Daniel of the Ogmore Valley History and Heritage Society said that they would like to see the clock regenerated. He said that funding would be available to pay for the work.

Police reported that there had been a considerable incidence of anti social behaviour in the area and they have called for a CCTV camera to be placed at the square to reduce problems there.

The community council has come up with some suggestions to reduce the problems, which include removing the steps around the clock which the youngsters sit on.

The council is also to consult with the young people of the area via the school and the Nantymoel Boys and Girls Club, to see if they will get involved in a project to regenerate the square.

It has also been agreed that the community council and the historical society will work as partners in this project.

Clerk Louvain Lake told The GEM that at the moment, nothing is happening because the ownership of the clock is

being established.

She said: "Our understanding was that the clock was handed over to the old Ogmore and Garw UDC and from there it would have passed to Ogwr and now Bridgend County Borough Council."

But she said that BCBC was denying that it owned the clock.

She said: "This clock has not worked for years and one of the faces is missing completely. We have the funding to repair it - all we need is permission from the owners to do the work."

She said that they were hoping that the mobile CCTV camera would also come up to the valley, but a bid has to be submitted for this by police.

"Unfortunately, people have stopped complaining to police about vandalism and the other problems, so our crime numbers seem low. I would urge people to report incidents to back up the police who are trying to get this camera. "At the moment, it is going elsewhere where crime numbers are higher."

The Ogmore Valley has no CCTV cameras at all - one of the few places left which is not under surveillance.

She added: "People feel that the Ogmore is a forgotten valley. Our council is working hard and we are being supported by our borough members but we are not getting anywhere with sorting out the problem at Pricetown Square."

Wagon theft

POLICE in Bridgend are investigating the theft of an articulated wagon which contained furniture worth £10,000.

The wagon was taken from a factory at Kingsway on Bridgend Industrial Estate between 10am on Saturday September 26 and 9am on Monday September 28.

Det Insp Jason Redrup said that the culprits would have had to use a large tractor unit to remove the trailer from the factory.

This would have been very conspicuous and he urged anyone who saw this vehicle leaving the factory to contact Bridgend CID.

The wagon contained 25 leather two and three seater settees. Anyone offered these items should contact police on 01656-679518 or ring Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

NANCY DAVIDGE

51 empty shops in Bridgend - survey notes

THERE are 51 empty shops in Bridgend town centre - according to a survey carried out this month.

The information was given to Bridgend Town Council by leader David Unwin, who said that this total was two up on the 49 empty premises counted in March.

The largest number of empty shops are in Nolton Street with ten - one down from March.

There are eight empty shops in both Wyndham Street and Market Street and five each in the Rhiw Centre and Derwen Road.

Dunraven Place and the Brackla Street Centre both have four and there are three each in Adare Street and Caroline

Street - both down from the position in March.

The empty shops represent 11.5 per cent of the shop units available.

Members felt that the figure compared well with what was happening to other towns and nationally. Bridgend seemed to be less badly affected than other towns by the recession.

But there was concern that the night time economy in the town has been badly hit with news of premises closing or reduced opening hours.

Restaurateurs and others in the night time economy have asked BCBC to lift the ban on traffic entering the town centre after 6pm, so that patrons can be brought in and taken out by taxis after a night out but this has been rejected by the council.

Planning committee has let down the local residents

HAVING attended the Defence Training College (DTC) and Aerospace Business Park (ABP) meeting last week, I am absolutely disgusted with the manner in which the Vale's planning committee totally disregarded more than 2,000 petition signatures, some 140 individual letters of objections and major concerns expressed by a number of Assembly Members.

The committee voted overwhelmingly in favour of both schemes, despite being fully aware of major concerns regarding the Northern Access Road (and the suitability of the existing roads which will serve it), the use of greenfield sites for housing, the firing range and field training areas, etc.

It was left to Councillors Gwyn John and Nic Hodges to voice the concerns of St Athan and

Llantwit residents.

Unfortunately, the chairman of the planning committee, Jeffrey James, made it perfectly clear to the entire committee, that they should favour both schemes and this was reflected in their vote. His summing up couldn't have been more biased if Metrix had written it for him!

Funding for the DTC will not be decided until after the next General Election, so there was no need to rush this through planning.

The planning department could easily have taken the public's objections on board, recommended amendments and then considered a re-application.

Instead, they approved the scheme as a whole, which is designed totally for the convenience of the developer and with no thought for the impacts on local communities.

The £ signs before their eyes affected their judgement as they sought to make a nest for a golden goose which has yet to prove fertile.

Simon Bailey, St Athan

'Vale folk are so friendly'

IN response to Ros Lewis's letter in The GEM on September 10, I would like to say I agree 100 per cent.

I have lived in Bridgend all my life until last year when my family and I moved to St Athan because of my husband's job.

The whole of the Vale has an air of tranquillity and is bursting with beauty.

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My family love it here and wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Karen Griffiths, St Athan

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TONDU BLAZE: ALL PUPILS BACK IN SCHOOL

ALL pupils have now returned to their classes following the recent fire at Archbishop McGrath Catholic Comprehensive School in Tondur, a spokesman for Bridgend County Borough Council reported this week.

The children returned in two phases with Years 11, 12 and 13 starting on September 21, and Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 on September 22. Damaged areas at the school have been secured and the rest of the premises were thoroughly cleaned before pupils returned to school.

"The parts of the building that cannot be reinstated are set to be demolished, and mobile classrooms will be brought in once this has taken place," he said.

"Arrangements are being made for pupils to use alternative PE and design and technology facilities until sufficient accommodation is available again on the Archbishop McGrath site".

Bridgend County Borough Council, the Archdiocese of Cardiff, the headteacher, staff and the school governing body would continue to work closely, to ensure normal routines are followed

as far as possible.

Coun Alana Davies, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "The council, the schools and people in the wider community are all continuing to work closely together to ensure that the children's education can continue with a minimum of disruption."

Acting headteacher, Philip Manghan, said: "The governing body and teachers at Archbishop McGrath Catholic Comprehensive School appreciate the excellent levels of cooperation and service that have been provided by Bridgend County Borough Council, Ynysawdre Comprehensive School and Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd."

"The refurbishment of two new design and technology rooms has begun and plans have been made to accommodate classes in the school and other venues close by. We will be issuing parents with regular updates to keep them informed of progress."

Pupils and parents are advised to continue to check local media including Bridge FM and BBC Wales, and to visit www.bridgend.gov.uk for further updates.

Meanwhile investigations into the cause of the fire continue.

Newly-laid paving slabs are already 'filthy'

NEWLY-LAID pavements in Bridgend, put in as part of the multi-million pound town centre regeneration, are already badly stained less than a year after completion of the work.

Coun David Unwin told Bridgend Town Council that the state of the new paving slabs was "disgusting" and there had been a definite lack of either power-washing or gum-busting in the town centre.

The council's regeneration sub-committee had been told that a new sweeping and scrubbing machine recently acquired by BCBC will not remove pavement

stains, as originally expected.

Members felt that the money spent on providing the new paving stones will be wasted unless the council acts to remove the staining.

Coun Unwin said that contradictory information was being given to the town council.

"First of all, we were told in a letter that this machine cannot scrub but we are now being told that it can scrub. We need to have a definite answer as to whether or not it can scrub the pavements."

"In every single street in Bridgend, the pavements show signs of very bad staining and it is dirt that will not wash away."

"They will look

hideous until they are cleaned. The staining has overtaken the gum busting as the main problem."

Coun Margaret Bertorelli said that since the smoking ban, there were far more cigarette ends discarded outside pubs and many of these get down into the cracks between paving slabs and no amount of sweeping will get them out.

The Town Council is to press the borough further on the issue of stained and dirty pavements and it may also reconsider its decision to withdraw funding for street cleaning when the new budget comes up for discussion.

Dog of the week



ROSEMARY is a 3-year-old greyhound with a very nice, sweet nature, said the Dog's Trust rehoming centre in Bridgend.

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Male choir in hunt for singers

VALE Male Voice Choir is searching for choristers.

The choir, which is now into its fourth year, while performing some traditional male voice choral pieces also performs songs to guitar and banjo which appeals to a much wider audience.

The repertoire also includes songs from musicals and films as well as pop and folk songs. The emphasis is on the enjoyment of singing and music and we would welcome any new members. No musical knowledge is required as all that is needed is real enthusiasm and commitment.

Don't worry if you don't have the best singing voice. We know there are a lot of men who love to sing for enjoyment but can become quite disheartened if they have been 'rejected' by other choirs.

The aim of the Vale Male Voice Choir is to bring them together and develop their talents.

The choir has performed concerts in a number of venues, for disabled people, pensioners, sheltered housing schemes and also helped to raise over £2,000 for Breast Cancer earlier this year.

We welcome men of any age to our rehearsals at St David's Methodist Church, Colcot Road, Barry on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 10.00pm.

Anyone interested in finding out more should contact the secretary, Mr Cliff Ward on 02920 568151 or Mr Vic Finn on 01446 405656.

PETER ROBERTSON

GLADSTONE GET GOLD STAR FOR PE



GLADSTONE Primary School in Barry has been awarded a gold star for its high standards in PE.

The Sports Council for Wales and the Association for Physical Education are recognising schools that are putting PE at the top of the agenda.

ABOVE: Gladstone Primary School pupils jump for joy after the school received a PE award.

All schools can apply for ActiveMarc Cymru and, this year, 42 schools, including Gladstone School, from across Wales have passed with flying colours.

NEWS FROM POSITIVE IMAGE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY (PIPS)

Casting light on shadowy subjects

MEMBERS of Barry's Positive Image Photographic Society (PIPS) were privileged last week to have club member Marc Delaney give a practical workshop in 'Lighting for Effect'.

Marc demonstrated close-up and tabletop photography lighting techniques, giving members the opportunity to try their hand at photographing what are actually notoriously difficult subjects – such as cut and plain glassware, polished wood and matt finish metal-ware.

Regular members were very grateful to Marc for providing an evening that was both highly informative and

enormous fun, while three new members found it an exhilarating introduction!

PIPS meets in St Baruch's Church, Phyllis Street, Barry Island, on alternative Thursday evenings.

Today (October 1) Val Williams shares her experiences and expertise as a travel photographer in 'World Wanderer'.

It is also the closing date for entries into the forthcoming 'Single Image' competition.

New members will be made very welcome. Further details of the club and forthcoming events, including forthcoming competition details, are on the society's website at www.positiveimagebarry.org.uk

Longstanding friends put on a good show

POSITIVE Image Photographic Society met up again at St Baruch's Church on Barry Island after the 'summer recess'.

Chairman, John Leaver, welcomed members back and the familiar speakers for the evening, Pam and Cled Lewis, who had shared their adventures on several previous occasions.

Pam and Cled presented a collection of images taken on an extended trip around South America.

What is so entertaining about this pair is that – they don't travel, they don't go on holidays – they go on expeditions and have adventures!

On this particular trip the adventures started before they arrived at their first destination – Buenos Aires, having suffered several delays and breakdowns en route.

Nonetheless, the intrepid pair came back with a very impressive collection of images of a fascinating country.

The first images were of the city of Buenos Aires itself. Warned not to look like tourists and keep cameras and other valuables out of sight the couple worked with two cameras, a Leica R9 DMR and a much less conspicuous Lumix FX1.

They experienced no difficulties and were very pleased that, despite the difference in the capacity of the two cameras, the images taken with the smaller Lumix compared very favourably with those taken with the much more expensive Leica.

Clem and Pam entertained us with stories of their travels and an eclectic mix of images of a fascinating city ranging from sculpture – a huge stainless steel tulip which actually opened in the morning and closed at sunset;

modern and Spanish, French and Italian colonial architecture, street entertainers, gritty images of the poorer areas and images of the picturesque Italian Quarter reminiscent of Port Merion.

The images became more stunning as the evening progressed and included Seascapes and wildlife taken in Tierra del Fuego, the 240ft high four mile wide moving glacier – at El Calafate, Argentina and, for the homesick, the Welsh community in Patagonia.

Our thanks to Clem and Pam for an enjoyable evening to kick-start the 2009/10 season.

The next meeting of the society is on September 17, and will be a demonstration 'Lighting for Effect' by retired professional photographer, Marc Delaney.

New welcome.
Further details www.positiveimagebarry.org.uk

Learning all about antiques and collectables

RHOOSE WI NEWS

JOHN HATCHER gave an extremely interesting and at times highly amusing view of items brought in by members of the Rhoose WI recently.

He explained that antiques had to be at least 100 years old before they qualified; however, any item which was collectable obviously was of interest to dealers.

China, coins, a hand mirror, silver and ornaments were all discussed, but a very old and delicate music box and a tiny carriage clock particularly caught his attention.

His obvious knowledge and enthusiasm, delivered with humour, entranced the members and it was with great reluctance that they settled down for the remainder of the meeting when future activities were dealt with.

The competition was won by June, with Rae a close second. The raffle was won by Jill.

The president said that the next meeting would be on October 1 when there would be a demonstration of Christmas flower decorations.

The competition flower theme will be a Fuchsia.

Luke and Rory beat thousands to win apprenticeships



Luke Young (far left) and Rory Barber (second from right) with their fellow apprentices.

TWO bright sparks from the Barry area are among 150 youngsters beginning an apprenticeship with local power firm SWALEC.

Rory Barber (17) of Barry, and Luke Young, (18) of Dinas Powys, were shortlisted from 4,500 applicants to join an industry-renowned

apprentice training programme run by SWALEC's parent company Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE).

Ryan Sadler of SSE, said: "The number of companies recruiting apprentices has dwindled, but we see young people like Rory and Luke as an investment in our future."

What's On - in brief

Charity bingo

THE Mayor of Barry's charity bingo night will be held at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry tomorrow (October 2), at 8pm.

Wenvoe harvest

ST MARY'S Church in Wenvoe will be the setting for a community celebration of the harvest of 2009 at 6pm on Sunday, October 4, with harvest hymns, readings and prayers, followed by light refreshments in the church hall. All are welcome; collection taken for local charities.

Floral society

ON October 6, Barry Floral Society will present a demonstration at St Nicholas Hall, Barry, by Mrs Veronica Coe of Blakeney, entitled 'The Glory of Autumn', at 2.15pm. New members welcome.

Choir concert

THE Barry Male Voice Choir's annual concert, on October 17, at 7pm features the Ipswich Orwell Singers at All Saints Church, Barry.

Tickets £6, available from choir members, at the door, or from 01446 402398.

Pupils' art work admired by AM

AS well as the colourful mural sponsored by Arriva Trains at Barry Town Station, the creative talents of Romilly Primary School pupils are featured in the MIND in the Vale Travellers Café and Gallery.

Their work has won the admiration of Jane Huft AM, for the Vale, who is pictured here with Edward Beer, Oliver Coborn and teacher Jane Mullane.

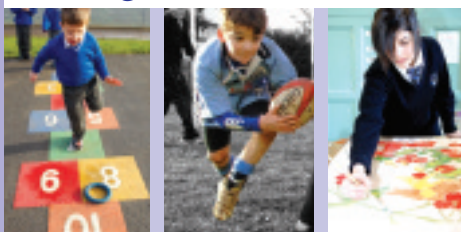


ABOVE: Two of the young artists.

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Llanharan is a giant among vegetable shows!

THE annual Llanharan giant vegetable show is one event that is guaranteed to take the breath away and it holds a particular fascination for children.

It might be difficult to get children to eat their vegetables, but they were happy to examine them!

Also attending the event was Ogmere MP Huw Irranca-Davies, who is pictured (far right) admiring a competitor's giant onions.



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the event can be viewed on
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Good away win for Porthcawl

PONTYCLUN	1
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PORHCRAWL Town Seconds moved two points clear at the top of table after cruising to a 4-1 victory at Pontyclun.

The visitors made a lively start and Pontyclun were forced to weather an early onslaught.

While battling to contain Porthcawl's repeated advances, the hosts did manage to venture forward, but failed to create a clear sight of goal. The visitors' firm defence was perfectly illustrated by a typically robust tackle after a quarter of an hour from the tenacious Martyn Morgan on the left flank.

The visitors opened the scoring when front man Matt Giles lost his marker to power home a header from Alex Treharne's left-wing centre.

Marauding winger Treharne (18), switched flanks with the influential Porthcawl captain Alex Winkler to good effect, both linking up well with the full-backs, holding midfielder Ollie Warren and the hard-working front pair.

Porthcawl doubled their lead when a sweeping counter-attack pulled the hosts apart. Veteran forward Brandon Walters, who weaved his way past a timid Pontyclun defence, fired straight at the 'keeper but adventurous right-back Mark Pickering surged into the box to neatly slot home the rebound.

The home side were allowed back into the contest when Martyn Morgan was harshly penalised for an apparent handball.

The penalty was

tucked home past Richard Gorrett to hand the momentum to Pontyclun on the stroke of half-time.

Porthcawl wrestled back the initiative after the break and, as the home side began to tire, the visitors developed an urgency to their play as they looked to put the hosts out of sight.

After a passage of slick and free-flowing football, the evergreen Brandon Walters, who was busy and willing throughout, found the net after playing a defence-splitting one-two with Alex Treharne to drive home Porthcawl's third from close range.

As the absorbing encounter began to take its toll on the injury-hit Porthcawl side, they reacted by shoring up the midfield with the introduction of Lee Giles, debutant Darren Ward and Paul White.

The visitors wrapped up the win when Lee Giles marked his return from injury with a well-taken goal – the midfielder stealing ahead of his man to finish coolly and conclude the scoring.

Pontyclun's brightest attacking forays were thwarted by a blue blanket of committed defenders, marshalled by the commanding centre-back pairing of Tom Warren and Mark Evans.

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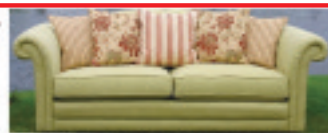
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Popular Toy and Train Sale returns to Barry Leisure Centre

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This will be the second such event at its new 'home' since the move to the centre in February.

The larger hall, superior lighting and massive parking areas were greatly appreciated in February, by both the traders and the public, and an additional bonus at the show is the fact that the entire hall will be in use, doubling the available space.

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "Barry has always proved to be a highly popular and well-supported show and it is so easily reached from a very wide area, north, south, west and east.

"It is also known for the high-quality of the stall-holders attending, and the wide variety of goods on offer, new and old."

The show on Sunday is actually an additional event on top of the regular February and December fairs, and was brought about as a result of strong demand from everybody attending in February – and from both sides of the counter. It will now become a regular date.

Traders are keenly seeking stock and anyone visiting is urged to bring along surplus items; even if only for a valuation.

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COWBRIDGE Fashion Week, which is just one week away, is promising the longest catwalk in Britain on Thursday, October 8.

Esther Hitchcock of Jon Ian – one of the three fashion committee members along with Sue Marshall of Lois, and Awen Evans of Havana – explained: “We’re having a ‘Champagne Trail’ on the Thursday evening with a parade starting at 6.15pm at which shops will be able to show off their fashions and designs.

“There will be a red carpet outside the shops which will make the parade the longest catwalk in Britain!”

A total of 39 businesses are taking part in the extravaganza!

Esther said: “People will be able to have some champagne and browse from shop to shop – it’s an event which shows people that despite the recession we’re fighting back and providing a unique shopping experience.

“There are probably more designer items in Cowbridge than Cardiff, and it is great to see so many local people pulling together to put on such a great event.

“There will be street entertainers and dance groups.

“Aubrey Parsons is providing music on the evening, and it will be piped throughout the town.

“One thing we can guarantee is that if it rains the evening’s entertainment will definitely go on.”

To give you a small flavour of what is going on:

Karma Beauty is promising a 1920s ‘Flapper Night’.

Oscars is providing champagne with every adult meal.

En Vogue says that ‘For one night only there will be an X-Factor singer’.

Bar 44 will be making up Fashion Week cocktails.

Jeyes is putting on a champagne party.

Jon Ian will present a ‘Bollywood Night’.

Pebble is putting on a Mama

Mia night and will have live window models.

Visage is going continental with a ‘Spanish Night’.

Havana will entertain with ‘Mardi Gras Night’ and live band Cocama.

Lois expects a visit from 007 himself with a James Bond-themed evening.

The late night entertainment and shopping will go on until 9pm.

An indication of the popularity of Cowbridge Fashion Week is shown by the fact that a ladies’ fashion lunch, hosted by Justina Simpson and Jonathan Hill, at the Bear Hotel for 180 people has already sold out.

But fear not, there is still lots to see on Friday which has been designated ‘Designer Bargain Day’ – The Bear Hotel and Town Hall will be running designer sale rooms.

Esther said: “There are still some tickets available for the climax of fashion week, a black tie charity dinner event featuring a catwalk show, live band and raffle

on behalf of Ty Hafan.”

Esther laughed: “There will be some local talent too! Cowbridge ladies, and men, will model clothes sold in the town, and the make-up and hair-dos will be provided by local businesses.”

If anyone would like to book tickets they should contact John Ian on 01446 775226.

Ty Hafan was nominated as Cowbridge Fashion Week’s chosen charity because of the help it gives families across Wales. Sue Marshall, one of the organisers of the fashion week, experienced its unique support when her late son Max was seriously ill.

Fashion Week first started in 2006 and over the years it has become more and more ambitious.

Esther added: “It is an example of the town all pulling together and showing visitors the many things we have to offer.

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ONE of the nice touches of Cowbridge Fashion Week is each year local people have acted as models for hair cuts, make-up and designer clothes available locally.

As you can see from last year's colourful catwalk parade (right and below) the women seem to have a natural flair for it.

Organisers hope that if this year replicates the success of previous years, Fashion Week will become an annual event!



Red Hot celebrations for Fich & Ramous' 'Golden Boy'

WHAT better way to celebrate 50 years in the hairdressing industry than to open a brand new, red hot salon on Cowbridge's Eastgate?

Lance has been an inspiration to stylists and clients alike throughout his career and is still inspired today to

create the hottest trends and styles that make him so sought after.

Fich & Ramous will certainly have a great deal to celebrate on October 8 – a Golden Jubilee, a new salon and the start of Cowbridge's Fashion Week extravaganza!

Be certain to join us at this Red Hot event and let's raise our glasses to a 'Red Hot' legend – Lance.

Landmark scheme will preserve Cowbridge's historic town walls

by MIKE MEREDITH

Cowbridge's historic town walls, first built in the 12th century, are to be repaired and restored under a creative scheme devised by the town's Charter Trust which is likely to get under way within weeks.

Under the project, funded by the Vale Council, the walls will be re-pointed, repaired and in some circumstances reconstructed to make them safe and weather-proof.

Charter Trust chairman, Luke Millar said: "This is easily the most important scheme that the Trust has taken on since it was formed eight years ago. The walls were in imminent danger of collapse, as they already have in one small portion.

"Indeed, they might have been lost entirely had we not had the invaluable support of our consultant civil engineer, Peter Jones, together with that of the Vale Council and our own walls sub-group, who have worked over three years to prepare the structures for this important launch decision."

Mr Jones, who outlined the proposed scheme to Trust members at Cowbridge Town Hall last Thursday said that the project was likely to take five-seven months to complete, dependent on the weather.

He said that bids for the contract had been received from four experienced local contractors,

all of them professionals in the construction of stonework and the use of lime mortar.

Mr Jones observed: "It is comforting to know that such skilled people are available to complete work like this. All four have been most thorough in their proposals and we expect to award the contract very shortly."

"I see it as a triumph for Cowbridge, acknowledging the vital part that the town has played in the history and development of south Wales. Everyone who takes pride in the town should have reason to celebrate this scheme."

Cowbridge town walls were first built in the second half of the 12th century by Richard de Clare, and stood the test of time as a secure bastion until the 1700s when they were largely dismantled to provide stonework for the construction of nearby properties, including Old Hall.

"As we've seen from the foundations, the original walls were substantial and formed from blocks of dressed stone, probably quarried locally," Mr Millar explained.

"They were then replaced by the largely rubble wall we have today."

"Despite its perhaps lesser pedigree, the walls stand as testament to times past, giving Cowbridge a status as one of the few remaining walled towns in Wales. It is right and proper that these structures should be preserved and maintained. That is what we are about to do," he added.

Town hall packed out for screening

TRANSITION Cowbridge, in collaboration with the Big Screen, brought a screening of *The Age of Stupid* to Cowbridge last week.

The capacity audience, which included the Mayor and Mayoress and invited guests from the local community, joined a global premiere. Cinemas were sold out across the world and the film has made a huge impact.

Rob McGhee, of the Transition group, gave a short presentation before the film to introduce the principles of Transition, which is rooted in the need for a sustainable future in the face of Climate Change and Peak Oil.

He said: "Transition is a means of bringing people together to develop a

sustainable way of life for themselves, the community and the planet."

At the end of the film, Atlantic College student, Charlie Young (17), told of his experience during the production of the film, which was five years in the making.

He made an impassioned plea for its message to be heard and acted upon at all levels of society, Government, community and by each individual.

Charlie said: "Our generation is at a unique point in history. We have the chance to take action now and to save ourselves; we will be heralded by future generations who will look back at this time."

For further details on the Transition projects in Cowbridge contact: Rob McGhee/Dinky Kennedy on 01446 775686, transitioncowbridge@googlemail.com

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For further information, please contact The Hair Studio, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1RD; telephone 01446 795580.



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THE historic, vibrant coastal town of Llantwit Major, continues to charm visitors, old and new. Residents enjoy a real community spirit, described by one local as "The best - unbeatable!"

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Contact Tina Benfield on 01446 792317 for full details.

Win one of four £25 shopping vouchers!

The Glamorgan GEM is offering four lucky readers the chance to win a £25 shopping voucher - to spend at any of the businesses advertising in this feature.

All you have to do to enter this competition is answer this question:

Complete the town name - Llantwit

(A) Major (B) Minor (C) Sharp.

Send your name, address and telephone number to us, on a postcard marked 'Llantwit Competition', no later than Friday, October 9.

No correspondence will be entered into and judge's decision is final. Good luck!



Nina Davies Opticians

NINA DAVIES Opticians is conveniently situated in the centre of Llantwit Major and provides first class eyecare for the whole family.

A friendly, helpful service is always assured from Nina - as well as Michelle, Julia and Janine.

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All types of contact lenses are also available, with free contact lens trials a feature of the practice.

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BEN'S BARBERS offer a range of services in their new expanded shop at Llantwit Major: hairstyling - patterns - hot towel and wet shaves.

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Sloan&Co

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Filco Supermarkets,
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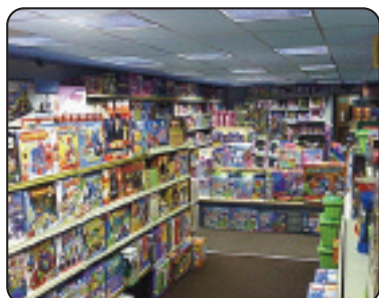
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Recently, we have teamed up with Samson's Treasure House and now buy gold, silver, antiques, old jewellery, oils and watercolours. Home valuations can be arranged.

During October, we will also be having a clearance sale in order to make some space, with selected items up to half price.

We also take this opportunity to thank customers for their support over the years.

The Gift Gallery, telephone 01446 795454.

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Nutz – The Gentleman's Barbers

NUTZ is now in its third year and would like to thank all our customers past and present for their continued support.

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Quest Hair, 4 Barons House Close, East Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1XY; telephone 01446 793563.

Jolly Babies and Music with Mummy

HI, my name is Rachel and I run Music with Mummy and Jolly Babies classes in Peterston-super-Ely and Llantwit Major.

I live in Cardiff with my husband and my daughter Talia (aged 15 months). Talia and I have been going to Jolly Babies and Music with Mummy classes since she was six weeks old and have thoroughly enjoyed them.

I was made redundant in May this year (I was an environmental consultant) and decided to re-train and use my other talents – singing!

I have been singing ever since I can remember and 11 years ago, I gained my Grade 8 in Classical Singing. I haven't stopped since!

I thoroughly enjoy running the music groups and I love looking around and seeing lots of smiles, clapping, bouncing and laughing.

I have found that parents find the classes a really uplifting experience and good bonding time with their child, plus the benefits of the classes are huge for all involved and are great fun.

I look forward to meeting you soon.
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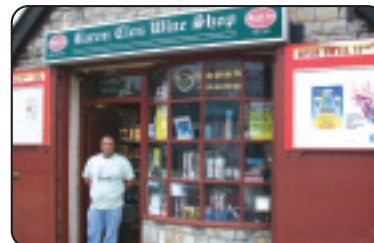
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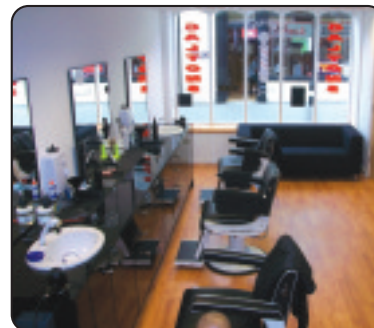
As well as dogs, the owners Peter and Margaret Bowers, now board small animals, such as rabbits and guinea pigs!

Two of Maes Gwyn's current boarders, Scoobi and Rambo, are staying for 12 months, while their owner is serving in HM Forces in Afghanistan.

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Chris Williams Optometrist

CHRIS WILLIAMS Optometrist hosted a Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' last Friday morning; the event was held in the extended reception and dispensing areas.

Chris Williams commented: "We were delighted to be able to accommodate such a worthwhile event."

The practice now houses an on-site laboratory, which is able to offer same-day service on stock spectacle lenses.

In the new ground-floor consulting room, low visual aid assessment is offered, which uses magnifiers to help those with reduced vision, as well as Colorimetry, which assesses the use of coloured spectacles to help with reading and learning difficulties.

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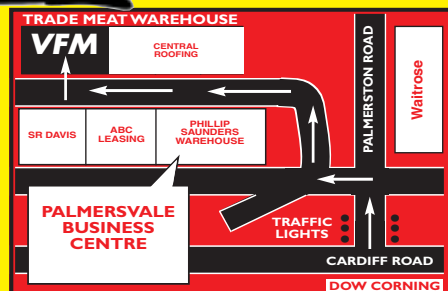
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Show tunes at harvest festival



LEFT: Barry Comprehensive's *Les Misérables* cast 'on tour' at the Amelia Trust Farm Harvest Festival.

AFTER the success of the Barry Comprehensive School's production of *Les Misérables* in the summer term, the cast were invited to perform a selection of songs from the show at the Amelia Trust Farm Harvest Festival.

Sunshine and large crowds were in evidence as the stars of the show sang the melodies that audiences had enjoyed so much.

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Dad (and daughter) handed awards!



MEMBERS of Barry's oldest theatre company have re-convened after their summer break to begin rehearsals for their next production, *Rock & Roll Christmas*.

The Leah Galton Cup, awarded to Barry Arts Centre's most promising young actor or actress, was presented to Elinor Robinson (above), a long-standing member of the

company. Her father, Michael Robinson, was awarded the Glan-y-Mor shield, for his contribution to the centre 'behind the scenes' - as the sound and lighting officer, for the company.

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Willis' sci-fi actioner is robotically dull

SCIENCE fiction and drama have always gone hand in hand on the cinema screen.

From the likes of *Metropolis*, through to *Blade Runner* and movies like *I, Robot*, the mixture has made for varied success, producing some good and some bad.

What they all have in common is a message that over-reliance on technology can be a harmful thing, whether it is in the shape of alien life or from our own human hands.

The latest film to labour this point is *Surrogates*, set in an alternative present-day where humans live their day-to-day lives through their very own robotic 'surrogate'.

When instances of humans being murdered at the same time as their surrogates crop up, FBI agent Tom Greer (Bruce Willis) and his partner (Radha Mitchell) are assigned to investigate them; however, when Greer is forced to leave his home and investigate a world he is no longer part of, he finds these murders are just the tip of the iceberg...

Like most of the product that comes off Hollywood's assembly line these days, *Surrogates* is based on a comic book series. It is highly likely that said comic book series is probably a thousand more times intelligent and entertaining than its filmic counterpart.

Surrogates is a painfully dull film that, while making noises about being a blockbuster with brains, is

nothing of the sort – instead it is the kind of film that likes to think it says something about society, but only manages to repeat what other films have said without adding anything fresh to the mix.

Anyone who has seen *The Matrix*, *I, Robot* or *Minority Report* will have an idea of what is going to unfold over its stupidly short running time of 88 minutes (nowhere near enough time to successfully convey and justify the number of plot strands and twists).

While the credit sequence cleverly sets up the story, bringing those cold to the comic books up to speed, it is what happens after the credits that lacks any real bite or drama.

Placing Jonathan Mostow in the director's chair isn't something that was ever going to assist the film in any way. The director is a capable action director, but nothing more, and he fails to give the film anything close to a visual identity.

For a film that attempts to meld bang and brains, there is a paucity of the former on show. Mostow's only action sequences of note feeling lackadaisical and devoid of any real inspiration.

He isn't helped by a screenplay from Michael Ferris and John D Brancato which appears to use the little known, but seemingly often used (and, I should add, non-existent), 'Screenplay writing for dummies' book.

While it takes the basics of the genre, and throws in a little dash of detective noir, these elements don't quite recon-

cile, the screenplay taking far too obvious turns into narrative cul-de-sacs that are far too well worn to lend any conviction to the story.

In fact, it recalls *I, Robot*, both stylistically and in narrative terms (though given its based on source material you can't really blame the writers), and much like that film, *Surrogates* also misfires quite dramatically.

Bruce Willis has always been a more than capable actor, and here he brings another strong turn to the table, essaying a character with a clichéd back story, yet never failing to elicit a response from the audience.

It is a fine turn, and indeed a stand-out turn, that is head and shoulders above the rest of the performances, and the film as a whole.

The other turns are merely storyline ciphers that don't allow much in the way of depth. It is a problem that none of the actors can overcome, whether it's Ving Rhames, Radha Mitchell or Rosamund Pike, who is given a meatier role yet not given the chance to actually do anything with it.

The overriding problem with *Surrogates*, ironically enough, is that it is all too glossy and robotic to allow any hint of humanity to develop within it.

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

Whether this was a conscious decision by the filmmakers or not, it doesn't work in the end product.

While it tries to make salient points about how excessive use of technology can blunt our humanity, you'll struggle to remember the message once you've left the cinema and are straight onto your mobile phone.

VERDICT – A dull film that thinks it's far more salient than it is, *Surrogates* is a robotic and pointless film that does little to enhance any of those involved.

What could have been something intelligent and watchable, instead struggles for life under a blanket of cliché, predictability and all-round boredom. One to avoid.

NEWS FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

FOLLOWING HARD FOUGHT-FOR TRAIL THROUGH HISTORY

DURING 1993, when the Penarth and District group was formed, a walk was led by Nina and Derek Smith (Footpath and Countryside officers respectively) to highlight the fact that it was almost impossible to walk for any distance in the Vale.

Entitled Forbidden Britain, they demonstrated in the Michaelston and Wrinstone areas that pathways were blocked, obstructed and overgrown, gates were encased in barbed wire and stiles were in need of repair.

In April 1996, Valeways, an independent charity that performs voluntary environmental work, was formed and since then much of the Vale has been transformed with new gates, stiles and bridges being installed and pathways being cleared.

As a result of their hard work together with other volunteers, the Valeways Millennium Trail was created that meanders through years of history and the glorious countryside of the Vale, from St Fagans to Peterston-super-Ely.

Recently, Geraint Thomas, with his sheepdog Patch, recreated that walk to admire some of the changes that had taken place, to point out work that needed doing, but also to highlight a new threat to that part of the countryside as a result of the Wenvoe Quarry applying to renew their application to extend the present quarry.

The party of 17 walkers and dogs Pip and Bracken set out from Leckwith, climbing over two broken stiles to join the Pen-y-Turnpike Road for a short distance, before circumnavigating the narrow path, which had been overgrown around the old reservoir.

Passing through a field containing pigs, they emerged onto the road and descended through fields to cross the footbridge and made their way towards the redevelopment at Home Farm.

Reaching the Michaelston Lane, they moved on to the Salmon Leaps and sat in warm sunshine to enjoy a refreshment break. Following the pathway up through Cwrt yr Ala Woods to Wrinstone Farm, they turned sharply and followed the stony bridleway uphill stopping at a junction of paths ahead.

For those walkers who were unfamiliar with the area, the leader took the time to explain the boundary lines of the proposed new quarry extension which will be 500 metres from the beautiful lakes at the Salmon Leaps, and half a mile from the quiet village of Michaelston-le-Pit.

Following the bridleway back to the Michaelston Lane, the group gazed towards the distant shape of Garth Hill across this wonderful, sleepy, green valley which is totally unspoiled and used by dog-walkers, joggers, horse riders and walkers.

On a positive note, the new quarry would create new jobs but on the negative side, constant explosions, dust, dumper trucks,

drilling, stone-splitting and heavy lorries to move the stone would create havoc and the damage caused to the environment, animal, plant and bird life would be unthinkable.

Crossing fields to Bullcroft, they wandered on past the ruined listed building at Brynwell with its medieval window, stopping further on in a quiet meadow for lunch, before following the lane uphill to emerge back onto the Leckwith Road and the end of their journey.

On October 3, meet at 9.30am at Penarth cliff top car park for a 6-7-mile easy walk to Sully Island; contact John on 029 2070 2565.

On October 4, meet at 10.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 5-mile moderate walk at St Fagans; contact Krys on 029 2070 0678.

On October 6, the mid-week walk will leave Cogan at 9.30am for a 5-mile moderate walk at Cwm Nash; contact John on 029 2070 2565.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice.

For other groups' walk log onto www.ramblers.org.uk/Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

EXPRESS YOURSELF AND WIN A PRIZE!

'EXPRESS YOURSELF' is the message from Gavin and Stacey star Ruth Jones to residents across the Vale of Glamorgan as part of a first ever Welsh libraries competition.

Entrants to the competition, who have a chance to win prizes from £50 to £500, are encouraged to write a poem, create a work of art, or perform a play that would inspire people to visit their library.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing the entries and presenting the awards next February. I'm sure the people of Wales, with all their creative talents, will take this opportunity to showcase them," she commented.

"The competition is open to all – simply choose a category – primary schools, secondary schools, individuals, voluntary or community organisations, and students in further or higher education."

As well as the chance to win cash prizes, finalists will be invited to the awards event to meet actress and writer Ruth and have their work dis-



Gavin and Stacey star Ruth Jones, who will present the awards.

played nationally. Full details at library.wales.org/artsco mp/ Closing date for entries is December 1.

Artists' Roman theme at Dyffryn

VALE of Glamorgan Artists (VOGA) helped Dyffryn Gardens to celebrate the centenary of its Pompeian garden, with an art exhibition on a Roman theme and art workshops.

Visitors from all over the UK and abroad recently converged during Dyffryn's open days to enjoy the delights of Dyffryn Gardens, over a weekend of glorious sunshine.

The theme of the exhibition was inspired by the Pompeian garden, built in 1909, and newly restored.

Several artists, including Shirley Anne Owen,

Susan Edwards, Peter Moulding and Ann Townson and Bernard van Lierop, made work depicting this classical garden.

Others, including Eileen Allan, Kay Keogh, Pauline Williams and Rachel Irwin responded in a variety of other ways to the Roman theme, including some enlarged drawings by Paul Baker of tiny classical figures engraved on ceramic jewellery found in the ruins of Pompei.

A free drawing workshop, set up by artists Rachel Irwin, Kay Keogh and Michael Goode, featured a magnificent central still life of plants and pots, provided by head gardener Alex Andrews and her team.

Camera club views prestigious prints



FELLOW of the Royal Photographic Society, John Gray, showed Barry Camera Club members a selection of images created during his long career in photography.

Ranging from early monotone prints made from traditional film negatives to full colour images created using the latest computer technology, the pictures vividly illustrated why John has garnered so many photographic distinctions over the years.

Many, if not most of the images, had been manipulated in some respect – even those taken before computers and digital cameras made it easy to change images around. John explained how he used things like textured glass and plastic to give an artistic edge to



his images long before Photoshop gave the photographer a range of tools to do this kind of thing easily on the computer.

Among all the pictures made up from elements taken in different parts of the world there was the occasional 'straight' picture and these demonstrated John's mastery of the basic skills of the photographer in capturing an uncomplicated but striking image.

GEOFF FOWLER

FAMILY FUN GALORE AT VICTORIA PARK

FAMILY fun with Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at Victoria Park, Cadoxton, turned out to be a day of smiles.

Jon Greatrex, the park manager, was on hand and provided two stilt walkers who entertained the children throughout the afternoon.

There was something for everyone – grandparents, parents and children were busy guessing the names and birthdates of the dolls and teddies.

All were keen to win the money in the jars and the children were eager to

win the tubs of sweets! The bouncy castles and gladiator inflatable were a huge hit with the children, as were the races.

Face-painters were in great demand and two 'explorers' did a great job, creating works of art!

The craft area was very busy; children were able to make masks, windmills and bracelets and the colouring competition was also popular.

The day ended with a prize-giving ceremony conducted by Jon Greatrex.

JJ

Big prize fund for hunter trials

THE Glamorgan Hunt Hunter Trials are returning for a third year at Alps Park, Wenvoe, on Sunday, October 11 with a big prize fund on offer, including £1,040 for the Open class alone, including £500 for the ultimate winner.

More than 255 horses and rider entries were received last year at Alps Park and the event's success cemented the hunt's plans to make the day an annual fixture in south Wales once again.

Terry Edgell, joint organiser of the Glamorgan Hunt Hunter Trials, said: "Everyone who attended last year's Hunter Trials had a fantastic time and we were extremely pleased with the turnout and standard on show."

"In this year's event, we are looking to appeal to the complete spectrum of rider abilities – from nervous novice to serious eventers – from both south Wales counties and neighbouring English ones; anyone and everyone is welcome."

He said: "Last year, it was felt that people would like to see more novice and 'pairs' classes, so we have expanded our offering of these."

"At the other end of the spectrum, we are also looking to attract a crowd to the more high profile classes, and as such, thanks to our sponsors, we now have an overall prize fund of nearly £1,800, with £1,040 designated solely to the open class."

"The Open will take place around mid-afternoon, and will be preceded with a master class demonstration of the course by former international three-day eventer, Nicola Lewis."

For more information on the Glamorgan Hunter Trials, please visit www.glamorganhunt.com (See advert on page 11).

GLAMORGAN PONY CLUB'S 'FUTURISTIC' TRIALS IN SUNSHINE

FOR the third year running, Glamorgan Pony Club ran its popular 'futuristic' hunter trials at Spring Meadows in Llandow, by permission of the Edwards family.

Another sunny day helped boost our entries and added to an enjoyable day. The course was quite tough, with only 12 clear rounds all day, but each class was hotly contested.

Results were as follows:

Novice Pairs – 1st, Bethany Jarvis and Adam Dix on *Toby* and *Star*; 2nd, Adam and Ellie Dix on *Lucy* and *Moss*; 3rd, Debbie Holloway and Tom Stereo on *Alfie* and *Murphy*; 4th, Helen Bolton and Mo Evans on *Buster* and *Toby*; 5th, Adie and Jenna Rees on *Captain* and *William*; 6th, Amelia James and Laura Dempster on *Rhys* and *D*.

Junior Novice – 1st, Adam Dix on *Lucy*; 2nd, Adam Dix on *Star*; 3rd, Alice Tudor on *Rusty*; 4th, Alice Tudor on *Gypsy*; 5th, Melissa Palmer on *Crystal Mist*;

6th, Genevieve Kirk on *Moonie*.
Open Novice – 1st, Melissa Palmer on *Crystal Mist*; 2nd, Sean Way on *Tiff*; 3rd, Lydia Shepherd on *Goldie*; 4th, Emma Lockwood on *Topaz*; 5th, Ellie Dix on *Moss*; 6th, Ellie on *Bonnie*.

Open Pairs – 1st, Ellie Dix and Bethany Jarvis on *Moss* and *Toby*; 2nd, Becky Thomas and Alice Tudor on *Cassie* and *Gypsy*; 3rd, Rachel Corbett and Julie Tipples on *Fred* and *Jake*; 4th, Jessica Tidley and Bethan Allman on *Bartley* and *Figaro*; 5th, Sean Way and Alice Pembridge on *Tiff* and *Mattie*; 6th, Hannah Chappel and Sarah Jones on *Sonny Jim* and *Shally*.

Open Intermediate – 1st, Alice Pembridge on *Flash*; 2nd, Lucy Williams on *Red*; 3rd, Alice Tudor on *Gypsy*; 4th, Sophia Summerill on *Manuel*; 5th, Lydia Shepherd on *Gambol*; 6th, Ellie Dix on *Moss*.

Open – 1st, Bethan Allman on *Figaro*; 2nd, Lydia Shepherd on *Gambol*; 3rd, Megan Allman on *Ollie*; 4th, Julie Tarney on *Branston*; 5th, Lisa Lindsey on

Tango; 6th, Lisa Lindsey on *Lennie*.

We would like to make a huge thank you for all those competitors and their friends who turned out to support us, everyone who helped on the day with judging, commenting, cooking food, starting the competitors off, taking entries, or just putting the fences back up.

Our main sponsors of the day were Herbert R Thomas, with the Farmers' Union of Wales, ELM Driving Academy and Countrywide also providing generous support.

A huge number of parents, family and friends sponsored fences for the day, which is greatly appreciated. The day would not have been the success that it was without you.

Anyone interested in joining Glamorgan Pony Club should contact Norma on 01446 734687, or just come along to our training nights at Spring Meadows every Wednesday night between 6pm-9pm.

JULIA JARVIS

Coychurch Crematorium wins 'Cemetery of the Year' award

THE Memorial Awareness Board has announced that Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend, has been awarded runner-up of 'Category D - Crematoria and Grounds' at the twelfth annual Cemetery of the Year Awards.

The awards ceremony was held on September 29, at the Chesford Grange Hotel in Kenilworth, Warwickshire, as part of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management's annual conference.

All burial sites taking part in the awards were assessed on a range of criteria including maintenance, design, facilities, freedom of memorial choice and involvement with their local

communities. Over the summer months, the appointed judges travelled across the country in search of the best of the best.

The Cemetery of the Year Awards aim to reward high standards in the nation's burial grounds and encourage choice for the bereaved.

Awards administrator Elisabeth Edvardsen said "The Cemetery of Year Awards endeavours to increase public awareness of the importance burial sites can play within their communities."

"It is our aim to give our nation's burial sites, and the people who

ensure they are kept in good condition, the recognition they deserve – celebrating those sites that make a valuable contribution to their area. We were very impressed with the high quality of applicants received this year and would like to congratulate all winners!"

Local women to attend 'Woman of Year' awards

TWO local women will be attending the 'Woman of the Year' awards at the Continental Hotel in London on October 12.

Sheila Bearcroft from Bridgend is a lay member of the GMB Union and campaigns for equal pay for women.

Bethan Hughes, who lives in Pontyclun, is a young woman who voluntarily plans the harp for the elderly, terminally ill, and people with behavioural problems.

She believes in the power of music

making a big difference to people's lives.

Women attending the lunch are considered 'Women of the Year', and another woman to be recognised is Tenby's colourful character Rosie Swale.

In 2003, Rosie Swale began a 20,000 mile-trek to raise awareness of prostate cancer, and finished the walk in August 2008.

Other women being honoured include Joan Armatrading, Virginia Wade and Maureen Lipman.

Porthcawl RFC under-15s overcome strong Uplands

P O R T H C A W L under-15s were home to Swansea Uplands, who soon took control with their well-drilled pack of forwards. Only good tackling by Porthcawl prevented the visitors from scoring early on.

From a good clearance by Huw Mitchell, Porthcawl entered the visitors' 22 where a sloppy clearance was well taken by the outstanding Owen Wright, who rounded two defenders to score under the posts. Josh White converted.

Straight from the kick off, Swansea once again

OSPREYS CUP – round one

pressurised the Porthcawl line. The tenacious tackling by Mitchell, White and Black kept Swansea at bay. Gradually the Porthcawl pack began to win ball and from good handling, Lloyd Rosser-Standford made excellent yardage, to be stopped just short.

Once again, a poor clearance went in field and Declan Brown fielded well, to give to the ever-present Owen Wright to grab his second try.

The score at half time didn't reflect how well Swansea Uplands played. Their pack contained three district players, they were win-

ning the ball well at the breakdown and had good set piece play. Just into the second half, the tough-tackling Tom Black took a nasty knock and had to leave the field.

When ball was won the Porthcawl backs looked sharp and, from a good passing movement, substitute Jonathan Lodwig went over in the corner.

On the other wing, Declan Brown, who was having a very good game, crashed over in the corner after good play by Josh White and Geraint Watkins.

A cheeky drop goal by Josh White increased the lead and, with five

minutes remaining, Geraint Watkins capped a fine performance at scrum half by going over wide out. The conversion was kicked by Josh White.

Owen Wright was immense for the home team, with Emyr Wyle, Adam Mounce and Jack Taylor working tirelessly. The pick of the Porthcawl backs was full back Michael Rawnson, who cut into the visitors defence on numerous occasions, with his determined running.

A 32-5 victory and the coaches know they have an honest group of players, who were very self critical of their performances on the day.

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Elvis Festival is 'huge boost' for Porthcawl

ELVIS Festival supremo, Peter Phillips, insists that the Porthcawl event has now grown to be the biggest such event in the world – with more ETAs (Elvis Tribute Artists) performing than anywhere else.

That claim must owe a great deal to the Hi-Tide Inn, where on the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights there was a 'paid-for' show, but in addition, the venue put on three extra shows per night – all free!

It meant that a steady stream of ETAs were shuttling between the Hi-Tide and venues in the town.

The weekend had the bonus of perfect weather, and the town was packed from dawn to dusk, with good-natured fans mixing with locals and providing great amusement with the variety of Elvis-related fashion on show.

Peter Phillips told The GEM: "What other event could bring so many people to Porthcawl so late in the season?"

"The pubs are packed, hotels and guest houses are full, and cafes and restaurants are doing great business."

Certainly, there cannot have been a weekend in recent Porthcawl history when so many taxis were around, all ferrying fans to and fro.

There was even a surprise celebrity appearance.

It used to be that people would get into the newspapers by reporting sightings of Elvis – after the rumour went around that he had faked his own death.

Well, one of Wales' most enigmatic public figures made his own appearance in Porthcawl on the Saturday night – dressed as Elvis!

Regulars in the Lorelei in Esplanade Avenue were surprised to see the 'lost genius' of Welsh rugby, Gavin Henson, walk into the pub in a pristine white Elvis Las Vegas jump suit!

In fact, it was quite similar to the one worn (right) by an Elvis Tribute Artist.

He was accompanied by friends, also in Elvis gear, and by a Marilyn Monroe look-a-like, who the regulars all agreed was Charlotte Church.

The group stayed a while, and then left in one of those hard-working taxis.

The Elvis Festival just keeps on growing and growing!



ABOVE: Tables in the Grand Pavilion were packed as the Elvis Tribute Artists performed a total of nine different shows over the weekend.



LEFT: The audience were dancing in the aisles!

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ABOVE: Pubs, cafes and restaurants were packed over the weekend, although the superb weather was clearly a bonus!



ABOVE: No, this one is definitely not Gavin Henson!



'Love Me Tender....'

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RUGBY ROUND-UP

Athletic Seconds thank Aled hat-trick for Tondy victory

BRIDGEND Athletic Seconds ground out a well deserved victory over Tondy Seconds at Newbridge Fields with last year's youth scrum half Aled Thomas scoring a hat trick of tries.

Tondy opened the scoring when scrum half Matthew Sage pressurised the Athletic half backs and intercepted an attempted pass to race in 20 metres to score. Daniel Rowe converted.

The Athletic immediately responded, and following a classic blind side move, Aled Thomas dived over in the corner for the first of his tries.

Daniel Rowe kicked a penalty to make the half time score 10-5 in favour of Tondy.

The Athletic started the second half pressurising Tondy and a fine break by John Nation carried on by

**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC SECONDS 34
TONDU SECONDS 13**

No 8 Gareth Bartlett, led to a second try by Aled Thomas to even the scores.

The Tondy defence was now being severely tested by the attacking pace of the Athletic and Nick Hinton gathered a loose clearance kick to run in under the posts, Aled Thomas converted.

This was followed by a try by strong running Chris McGrath.

Daniel Rowe kicked a penalty for Tondy but the Ath continued with the pressure, resulting in try for and conversion by Aled Thomas. There was a fine try by flanker Aled Guy in the closing minutes of the game.

Llanharan test out a young Pencoed squad

THIS was a superb local derby played in good spirit throughout.

The home side dominated the opening quarter, and led by 26 points, with Pencoed product Aaron Pinches getting two tries.

Despite the disruption of losing both selected props before the match, the Pencoed pack, under the inspirational leadership of Mark Evans, began to control possession in the second quarter.

The return of Evans after almost 12 months out with injury was a huge boost. The game became far more even, and with both sides scoring a converted try, Llanharan led at the interval by 33-7.

**LLANHARAN SECONDS 38
PENCOED DEVELOPMENT XV 12**

The second half was dominated by the Pencoed pack, this reflected in a solitary home score, in stark contrast to how the match began.

For Pencoed Keith David and Evans got tries, with Carwyn Morgan adding a conversion. The young Pencoed pack can take great satisfaction from this performance, with David playing well behind, along with youngster Liam Halse who gave a strong defensive performance in the middle of the park.

TR

TOP OF TABLE CLASH PROVES A NAIL-BITER

THIS top-of-the-league under-12 clash brought the only two unbeaten teams, Pencoed and Pen-y-Fai together.

The game lived up to its billing, with both teams playing some excellent football. Pencoed started the better and took an early lead when the away defence failed to deal with a corner. Pen-y-Fai then hit back with a goal with a free kick from Zac Edwards, then they struck again soon after with a great ball from Thomas James to Rob Symmonds, who finished well.

At the end of the half, Pencoed struck again from a free kick which Jed Stillman in goal could do nothing about.

The second half started with Pencoed throwing everything at a plucky defence of Ben

**PENCOED
PEN-Y-FAI 5
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Symmonds, Branston Kent, Ellis Rosser and Alex Howland, and finally broke through to make it 3-2. After that Pen-y-Fai ran the next 10 minutes with a reply from a great ball from Callun Watt to Zac Edwards to hit home his second.

The turning point of the game came when Pencoed were given another free kick and the official did not indicate to the players that it was direct. The went into the net not touching anybody and was given!

At this point Pen-y-Fai went to a three man defence with Mathew Symmonds going on up front to join his brother, and Dylan Whitcombe moving to a five man midfield, with Cameron Thomas leaving the field after giving his

all. Pen-y-Fai then put lots of pressure on the home defence but a breakaway saw Pencoed go 5-3 up.

Pen-y-Fai hit back straight away, with Jack Lewis putting Huw Williams in to finish neatly. The last couple of minutes were tense for supporters of both teams, with Pencoed coming out on top this time.

Both teams were not happy as there were four bookings for the home team and one for Pen-y-Fai in a hard-fought but fair tie, with no bad tackles made by either side.

Pen-y-Fai would like to pass on their 'get well soon' wishes to Johnathan Harvey who broke his shoulder playing with the funny shaped ball (rugby) last week.

DM

Youth sweep aside Mumbles

THIS was the first Ospreys league game of the season between two of the usual contenders for the title.

However, on this occasion the Athletic proved to be far too strong for a youthful Mumbles outfit.

Within minutes of the start the Athletic took the lead when a loose ball spilled out of a scrum on the Mumbles five-yard line and was pounced upon by Curtis Williams who put Matthew Morgan in for an unconverted try.

The Athletic missed two good try-scoring

opportunities but were not to be denied another quick score when they ran back several Mumbles clearances, resulting in Matthew Morgan getting his second try. The conversion failed.

The third try was an absolute gem - running the ball from 70-yards out, centre Tom Habberfield displayed great handling skills to put his co-centre James Olds away. He, after some further interpassing, got the ball back to race under the posts. Matthew Morgan converted.

**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC YOUTH 53
MUMBLES YOUTH 0**

The only down side of this move was the rearranging of Habberfield's ribs in the off load to Olds but he was able to carry on.

Lock Adam Evans then crossed under the posts before two fine runs from winger Luke Morgan resulted in a brace of tries. Matthew Morgan converted two of these to make the half time score 36-0.

Mumbles were pretty demoralised by now and the Athletic used all of

their bench after half time. The speedy Athletic backs were simply too difficult to contain and two further tries for Matthew Morgan, with one conversion and one try for Luke Morgan, forced the referee to blow for full time with 25 minutes to go as the maximum margin of 50 points had been reached.

Not a bad day for the Morgans, with 44 points between them.

The Athletic now expect a stiff test off Blues side Beddau next Saturday before returning to League action against Waunarlwydd the following weekend.

MEANWHILE the Rags travelled to Cardiff for a friendly fixture but put in a rather lacklustre performance to go down by three tries to one.

Back rower Alex Evans was the pick of the Athletic side, scoring a tremendous try from 60 metres with fly half Corey Butler kicking a penalty goal, resulting in a final score of 53-0 to the visitors.

The 'Rags' have their first round of the District Cup next Saturday at newly reformed Cefn Cribbwr.

PR

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Quality clash between the under-10 teams

TWO under-10 teams with unbeaten records met for an eagerly-awaited battle at Porthcawl RFC.

Bridgend Ath started the stronger, taking the game to Porthcawl. Harry Provstgaard, Nathan Willis and Will Mahoney all had good runs in the early stages but despite plentiful possession provided by the forwards, the Ath could not cross the tryline.

The home defence was strong and Porthcawl also managed some vital turnovers when the Ath were on the attack. Porthcawl managed to weather the early storm and drove upfield with help from their impressive forwards.

The first time they managed to get into the Ath half, they provided the game's opening try, which was converted.

The Ath continued to play good rugby with strong runs from Jac Bassett, Morgan Hughes and Mitchell Davies upfront. Chris Matthews enjoyed some good ball at scrum half and made several sniping runs.

The Ath boys finally got their reward for their first half effort when outside half Caine Woolerton darted down the blindside, broke a couple of tackles and touched down. Caine also converted to level the score as the halftime

whistle went.

Everyone was feeling positive, thinking that a first victory against Porthcawl could be on for the Ath, but the second half was a different story. Despite some good play in small patches from the Ath, it was Porthcawl who raised their game and began to dominate.

The forward power of the home team was beginning to tell as they went on numerous charges towards the Ath line. The Ath forwards, despite heroic work from Matthew Hobby and man of the match Rhys Gamble, who was outstanding, started to tire and Porthcawl seemed more alert in the loose.

After a period of sustained pressure on the Ath line, Porthcawl managed to crash over for the match-winning score despite a courageous defensive effort from the Ath.

Final score: Porthcawl 14, Ath Greens 7.

Yellows take on Porthcawl ATHLETIC Yellows took on Porthcawl, who started well and managed to open the scoring when their speedy winger raced in.

The Yellows, after their hard work in training, are playing with more desire and determination and they responded well with good drive-

ing runs from man of the match Ethan Bennett, Thomas Zielinski and Matthew Hibbert.

They had support from their captain Drew Cording, who had another good game at scrum half. After hard work from the forwards, Matthew Hobby broke clear from a maul and raced in to level.

A couple of missed tackles allowed Porthcawl in for another try but again the yellows bounced back. Determined to do well, they put together more good phases of play.

After good clearing out work from Adam Murathodzic, Angus Gregory and Lewys Jenkins, Matthew Hobby was again on hand to crash over.

The Yellows then let Porthcawl in for their third try but the conversion was missed which gave the Ath confidence to go for the win. Good work from Callum Morgan, Iwan Osbourne and Sean Quick released Nathan Willis away on a run. Jac Bassett also came close to getting a try.

The Ath finished strong but ran out of time. With a bit more belief the Yellows can turn these narrow defeats into victories.

Final score: Porthcawl 19, Ath Yellows 14. LG

Under-8s take on Cwmavon

A WARM Sunday morning saw Tondy under-8 travel to Cwmavon.

Due to the difference in squad sizes, it was agreed to play three halves so all the Tondy boys could get a run out.

Cwmavon immediately showed their intent, pressurising the Tondy line, with only some great tagging from the team preventing a try.

Tondy then went on the attack before a turnover by Cwmavon led to a breakaway first try. Tondy struck back with a penetrating run by William Watkins, and some good passing ended with Ieuan Wallis powering over for an excellent team try.

Cwmavon restored the lead from the restart and added another from a breakaway after some good attacking from Tondy.

With a new eight, Tondy started the second half defending on their own line. Despite some good tagging they eventually conceded a try in the corner. Tondy responded with Morgan Williams showing good pace, going over for an excellent try.

Tondy continued to attack before Cwmavon broke and scored. On the restart, a solo run by Morgan Williams, jinking through and scoring.

Tondy attacked again through Toby Dowle and good team passing led to Ryan Neagle going over in the corner. Cwmavon responded with a couple of quick tries.

In the third half some good runs by Ieuan Wallis led to a Tondy try, but Cwmavon scored immediately from the restart. Tondy pressurised the Cwmavon try line on a few occasions before Ieuan Wallis crossed the line for a good team try. Cwmavon scored a final try just before the final whistle.

It was an excellent game of end to end rugby, with Morgan Williams receiving Tondy's star of the match.

Full time score: Cwmavon 10, Tondy 6.

The squad: Ieuan Wallis, Ethan Durnick, William Watkins, Kieran Chalmers, Ellis Rees, Ryan Neagle, Toby Dowle, Sam Tatchell, Jack Weeks, Fin Duffill, Morgan Williams, Gethin Page, Miles Olding, Iestyn McCann, Geraint Richards, Owain Davies.

SC

TONDU ARE TOO STRONG

ON a beautiful autumn morning, Tondy under-9s travelled to Cwmavon, looking to build on their positive start to the new season. Due to Cwmavon being short of players, Tondy fielded a different team for each half.

Tondy soon asserted their authority with Callum Vause breaking two tackles to touch down. Shortly after, excellent mauling by the entire team and great recycling by Edward Dunlop and Patrick Riley allowed Morgan Strong to crash over to make it 2-0.

Cwmavon showed good heart to respond quickly with a good try, but Tondy's strength was beginning to tell with Callum Vause and Morgan Strong scoring in quick succession to make it 4-1.

As half-time approached, Luke Brett showed great awareness from a quick play the

ball by Ellis Mathews to dance his way over the try line. On the stroke of half-time, a good run from Cameron Keegans led to a well-deserved try for Cieran Edwards, making it 6-1 to Tondy at half-time.

With an entirely different side for the second half, good passing between Jacob Thomas and Lewis Oates allowed Nathan Harris to touch down in the corner. As Cwmavon tired, excellent runs by James Murray and Lucas King were only stopped by some strong tackling, but this created space for Luke Dingle to score.

Soon after, excellent forward play by Harry Olding created the momentum to allow Daniel Mayne to pick up the ball and burst over for a good try. Just on the final whistle, Tondy scored again when Nathan Harris showed good speed and strength to score his second of the day.

Final score: Cwmavon 1, Tondy 10.

Tondy teams - First half: Luke Brett, Edward Dunlop, Cieran Edwards, Cameron Keegans, Ellis Mathews, Patrick Riley, Morgan Strong, Callum Vause. Second half: Luke Dingle, Nathan Harris, Lucas King, Daniel Mayne, James Murray, Lewis Oates, Harry Olding, Jacob Thomas.

KV

Porthcawl in close games

PORTHCAWL under-10s played Bridgend Athletic's Green and Yellow teams.

These local derby matches are usually too close to call, and Sunday's game was no different. Athletic Greens started well, but Porthcawl held strong to finish as winners by 14-7. The try scorers for Porthcawl were Brandon Cooper and Ben Roach. Both tries were converted by Brandon Cooper.

Man-of-the-match was Ben Collins.

In the game against the Athletic Yellows, Porthcawl were victorious by 19-14.

The try scorers for Porthcawl were: Joe Stradling (two) converted by Zak Furness-Jones and Joe Beale. Sam Edwards grabbed the third and decisive try, against his old club. Man-of-the-match was Matthew Roberts. *The rest of the Porthcawl squad was: Ethan Waters, Connor Grant, Cameron Williams, Dan Williams, Louis Protheroe, Max Budding, Kurtis Pridmore, Ben Davies, Connor Harrington-Pittam and Harry Beale.*

IB

First win for new Police youth team

ALTHOUGH the Police had previously put out Cadet teams, this was the first time in their 40 year history that a youth team had taken the field and it was a double header at Cefn Cribwr, where their first XV were playing.

The Police made their intentions clear from the very first move of the game as they spread the ball wide from deep in their own 22. Within minutes, the first points came their way when influential outside half Craig Davies went on a great solo run to go over under the posts. He also added the two extra points.

Cefn tried to run the ball back but the Police defence stood strong with big hits going in from vice captain Matthew Jones and second row partner Russell Gurdin.

For the Police the centre partnership of Daniel Nicholas and captain Lee Roderick looked dangerous every time they had ball in hand.

The Police pack started to get on top of the home side allowing live wire scrum half Haydn Williams plenty of time to give the backs a consistent flow of quick ball. Although at times the Police lineouts didn't go to plan, the rucking and driving play from the pack had Cefn on the back foot for most of the first half.

Before half time, further tries for the Police came from Dan Harris

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(two) with Richard French and Jack Evans grabbing one each.

Outside half Davies added a conversion making it 29-0 at half time.

Outside half Davies again went on another dazzling run to go over for his second try, which he converted. The next try saw wing Jack Evans attack from deep in his own 22. Support play from Roderick saw the ball end up back with Evans for him to seal his brace. Davies again added the conversion.

Davies left the best till last, throwing a few dummies to cruise up the touchline to go over for his hat-trick he also



Captain Lee Roderick goes on another powerful run.



ABOVE: Centre Dan Nicholas goes on another brilliant break.

added the extra two points to bring his tally to 25 for the day.

Sam Nicol and Hywel Roberts put in solid performances in the back row, while Vernon Dladla looked dangerous with ball in hand. To

Cefn Cribwr's credit, they kept on going to the end, with only some desperate defence from the Police preventing them from grabbing some points before the final whistle.

BS

REVENGE IS SWEET FOR BRIDGEND ATH UNDER-9 GREENS

THE Athletic under-9 squad travelled to sunny Porthcawl with a squad of 23 players but once again, the Ath came up against a small squad.

The Yellows kicked things off and it was Porthcawl who struck first with a good try. The next try came from Bridgend, through a fantastic run from Sam Veasey.

With both sides passing the ball around, this half belonged to Porthcawl, with them notching up the next two tries, taking it to a half time score to 3-2.

The second half saw three changes to the Yellows. This half was different with Ath players upping the tempo with some fine tackling in defence from James Hermolle and the rest of the team. The ball was turned over for the Yellows to run in their second try through Sam Veasey.

With tries going back and forth, Porthcawl touched down for their fourth and final try, leaving the Ath to have the last say of the game, as Sam Veasey ran in for his hat-trick.

Player of the match went to James Hermolle.

Final score: Porthcawl 4, Ath Yellows 3.

Yellows squad: Cai Robinson, Morgan Evans, Charles Creffield, James Hermolle and Taine Waite, William Goodall, Sam Veasey, Josh Tidy, Daffydd Beech and Christopher Hart. **Reserves:** Brandyn Fooks, Ffion Rebill and Anya Evans.

Next game

IN the second game, the same Porthcawl side took on Athletic Greens, who wanted revenge for their fellow squad members.

Straight from the start the game was to be very one sided, with the Ath Greens proving to be too strong. This was proved, with the Greens taking an 8-0 lead at half time.

In the second half, two changes were made but play was to be no different, with the Ath continuing to be on top. The Ath played some fantastic rugby, rucking and cleaning out, passing the ball through hand and supporting to a very high standard.

The Greens notched up a further five tries.

The player-of-the-match went to Gwilym John, for his forward play and passing out of hand.

Ath Greens try scorers: Connor Fabian (five), Daniel O'Sullivan (two), Kasari Mehta (two), Jamie Marshall (two), Jack Obbard, and Megan Webb.

Squad: Gwilym John, Jack Obbard, Teo Fillis, Daniel O'Sullivan and Jade Thomas, Connor Fabian, Thomas Anthony, Kasari Mehta, Megan Webb and Jamie Marshall. **Reserves:** Ffion Rebill and Anya Evans.

PO

Athletic under-8s outflank Porthcawl

THE Ath boys took to the field and continued where they left off last week.

Police just edge it against Cefn

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AFTER two consecutive defeats, South Wales Police made the short journey to Cefn Cribwr and took the game to the home side on every occasion.

After 15 minutes, the Police looked as if they had secured the first points of the day only to see the referee disallow the try.

Minutes later, strong-running flanker Jason Davies broke through three tackles to go over for a well deserved try which went unconverted.

Just before half time outside-half Ryan Miles slotted over a penalty to increase the Police lead to eight points.

Cefn where definitely in this game and only good defence work from Carl Davies, Stuart Elson, Nathan Williams

and Rod Jenkins kept them at bay. However, the pressure finally paid off when Cefn turned over possession to go over for a well-deserved unconverted try.

It only looked like a matter of time before their continued commitment and pressure would pay off and it did when, from a scrum taken against the head, they used a blindside move to go over for a well deserved try which again went unconverted.

With Cefn piling on the pressure, the Police gave away another penalty and the home side extended their lead to 13-8. However, once again the Police decided to leave it late and good work from the forwards saw the ball go wide, where wing Mark Down went on a surging run, only to be stopped inside the Cefn 22.

With minutes ticking

RIGHT: Hooker Carl Davies on is way for all important try.

away, a loose kick from Cefn bounced nicely to prop Stuart Elson, who off-loaded brilliantly to hooker Carl Davies who weaved his way over in the corner for the try. Miles had a chance to put the Police in front but pulled the touchline conversion just wide.

The game seemed to be heading for a draw but in the dying minutes, the Police were awarded a penalty. This time outside half Miles made no mistake, giving the Police a well deserved win.

Prominent for the Police were Sean Ellis, Adam Hale and Gary Money, with captain for the Police Gerald Hodgson again having another solid game.

BS

Photographs by GARETH DAVIES



RIGHT: Flanker Jason Davies on a determined run for a well-taken try.



From the start, the Ath worked hard holding their defensive line. The first chance the Ath had they took and, from a strong run, Oliver Raynor popped up to take a pass and score a good try in the corner.

Porthcawl threw every thing at the Ath in the first half, but the defence was outstanding. Morgan Bennett got the second with a well-worked move to score in the corner. Porthcawl pressed on many occasions but could not break the defence and, just before half time Dewi Harding raced down the line to score a great solo try.

The second half again started fast with Porthcawl working hard, and breaking through many times, only to be caught by the Ath's defence. Oliver Raynor opened the scoring in the second half with another good supporting run to score his second of the game.

The Ath boys showed great awareness of space, and after a turnover ball, Mason Hughes weaved his way to the line to score a great solo try. With time running out, Porthcawl broke through the Ath's defence to score a good try of their own, but the Ath came straight back, and from a couple of good passes Mason Edwards squeezed over in the corner.

On the last play Porthcawl showed good passing skills and raced down field to have the final say and cross the line for a good try.

Final score: Bridgend Athletic 6, Porthcawl 2.

Player of the match went to Morgan Bennett who had a great all-round game.

The squad: Archie Burnett, Bobby Bromley, Dewi Harding, Emyr Anthony, Iwan Hill, Jack Pitts, Mason Edwards, Mason Hughes, Morgan Bennett, Oliver Raynor and Sam Ralph.

See-saw contest between under-7s

BRIDGEND Athletic under-7s travelled to Porthcawl for their first away game of the season.

The Ath worked hard in the early minutes of the first half, putting in some good defence work and, after a turnover, Jordan Gittins got the first try of the game.

Porthcawl also played good rugby and scored a good try not long after to level the scores. It was the Ath who scored next, with a long run deep in their own half which broke the Porthcawl defence and put Jordan Gittins in to get his second.

Porthcawl caught the Ath napping from the restart, and raced upfield to even the scores.

Euan Rees got his name on the score sheet not long after, scoring a loose ball and racing to the corner to score a great try.

Again, Porthcawl came back and finished the half the stronger, scoring two good tries to put them in front at the break.

The second half was much like the first as the Ath opened the scoring again with a strong run by Thomas Lewis, who managed to squeeze his way over for a good solo try.

All the squad worked really hard and the defence stopped Porthcawl scoring on numerous occasions.

Jordan Gittins scored another try with a great solo effort, and after another set of six tags by the Ath, Lloyd Bennett took the ball from the tap and raced to score a great solo try, putting the Ath two tries up with only a minute or so to go.

Porthcawl threw everything at the Ath and they pressed and pressed and scored another good try in the corner. Unfortunately, that was the last play of the game, but what a game it was!

Final score. Bridgend Ath 6, Porthcawl 5.

Player-of-the-match went to Lloyd Bennett who had a good all-round performance, but every one played really well.

The squad:- Oliver Gibbs, Connor Lees, Ryley Howells, Ellis Penman, Euan Rees, Fynn Mordecai, Jordan Gittins, Lloyd Anthony, Lloyd Bennett, Rhys Thomas, Daniel Elias and Thomas Lewis.

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Peacefully, after a long battle with cancer, at Holme Tower Penarth on September 27th, Mike of Gwennol-Y-Mor Barry. Dearly beloved husband of Mary, much loved father of Kath, Ian and John, much loved gramps of Luke and Georgia. Mike will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the service at All Saints Church, Barry on Tuesday October 6th, at 2.00pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.
Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

BRUTEN Stephen

Tragically, on Sept 7, Stephen, dearly loved son of Eileen and Brian of Llantwit Major, loving brother of Mark and Paul, much loved uncle and nephew. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Fri Oct 2, service 1pm at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.15pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to Macmillan Nurses c/o Mrs C James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhosue, CF62 3DZ.

William COCKCROFT SQD.LDR retired.

Passed away Sunday 20th September after a long illness. He was the beloved husband of Edwina and father of Susan, Stephen, Simon and Margaret. Much missed by all. Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium Friday 2 October, 2.45pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired to R.A.F.A. c/o W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major (cheques only please).

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VIGAR Mary

John and his family would like to express their grateful thanks to everyone who attended Mary's funeral. The very large congregation was a testament to a wonderful and much loved lady, who will, sadly, be sorely missed by family and friends alike. All the cards and letters of sympathy and fond memories have also been very much appreciated. Our sincere thanks go to Dr Sarah Coleman and the District Nurses from Cowbridge who have given Mary so much loving care and attention throughout her long illness. Thanks also to Southerndown Golf Club and Penybont Funeral Services for their professionalism.

Anatole (Tony) Yudin-Craven

Devoted husband of Mary Yudin (FitzHerbert) formerly of Cowbridge, presently St. Athan, peacefully passed away on 24th September last. He will be sadly missed by his children and grandchildren.

Funeral service at St. Cadoc's R.C. Church, Town Mill Road, Cowbridge, on Friday 9th October at 12.00 followed by a private cremation. Friends and relatives invited for light refreshments after the service in the Church Room.
No flowers - donations to be shared between the Missionaries for Africa (Padres Blancos) in Madrid, Spain and Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club. All donations c/o W. James & Sons, 11 Fommon Road, Rhosue, CF62 3DZ.

HANCOCK William

Tony Hancock and family wish to express their appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbours for their thoughts and kind words on the recent sad loss of William.
A special thanks to Bridgend General Hospital and all the staff on Ward 2.
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LATEST NEWS FROM BRYNHILL GOLF CLUB

Golf match ends in a draw again!

ONE of the most popular events on the Brynhill golfing calendar is the match played between the ladies and seniors.

Sixteen of the seniors, led by their vice-captain Glyn Shepherd and including club captain Colin Lloyd, took on 16 ladies, led by lady captain Jo Hopkins.

The final result is never in doubt – the match always ends in an honourable draw!

Nevertheless, the games can become quite competitive despite the banter and laughter!

Recent results round-up

July 28 – Four-ball better-ball: Winners – Lynne Bubbins and Carole Allen (46 points) runners-up – Gemma Evans and Helen Cook (42 points).

August 18 Millennium Plate: Winner – Chris Hopkins (36 points over back nine) from Maria Gentile (over bank nine) from Lynne Bubbins.

Grans Trophy – Winner – Chris Hopkins (36 points over back nine from Maria Gentile).

August 25 – Daily Mail Foursomes: Winner – Sheila Williams and Judy Davies (80½ nett), over back six from Rose Pitman and Audrey Phillips.

September 11 – Gloucester Bowl: Winner – Sue Holland (70 nett); runner-up – Rose Pitman (73 nett).

Vets Silver Salver – Winner – Rose Pitman (73 nett); runner-up – Audrey Phillips (75 nett).

Bob Hope Rose Bowl – Silver winner – Rose Pitman (73 nett); runner-up – Audrey Phillips (75 nett). Bronze winner – Sue Holland (70 nett); Mo Merritt (76 nett).

September 15 – Waterford Crystal Vase: Silver winner – Audrey Phillips (36 points); runner-up – Rose Pitman (34 points). Bronze winner – Diane Davies (37 points) over the back nine from Jenny Pateman.

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ABOVE: The ladies team was led by captain Jo Hopkins (centre).



RIGHT: The seniors team for the match against the ladies.

Cadoxton Tae Kwon Do school fare well at world tournament

OVER a recent weekend, the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do combined forces with kick boxing and Kung Fu schools to form a combined Welsh squad to represent Wales at the World Games held in Ocean City, Maryland, USA.

WOMAA World Martial Games X was smaller than expected, but the quality of competition was excellent.

The recession has hit everyone very hard, and this included the WOMAA World Martial Games X, as many countries could not attend due to loss of jobs, finances, recession etc, not to mention that the US State Department did not allow visas to many countries at the last moment.

The countries that did attend had a wonderful time and represented their countries with pride and good sportsmanship.

With a little less than 300 total competitors, the games ran smoothly over the three days and brought forth many new WOMAA world champions.

The finals on Sunday night were something to see – everyone who attended the finals had a great time and witnessed some great competition from some world class competitors.

The event opened on the Friday night with all the continuous sparring sections.

Thomas Haysham got the club off to a good start, taking third, and only losing by two points to the eventual champion from Canada.

Morganne Gomez Jones was next on the mat. She fought up a category (14-17 girls), making her way through to the final where she outclassed her USA opponent to come away with first place.

Jamie Halford was the last of the club's competitors to compete – he had a hard fight to reach the final where he met the Italian champion. Jamie easily overpowered him, winning by a majority decision and taking first place.

Saturday was the day for all traditional creative and musical forms.

Netball club needs new junior members

BARRY Netball Club has been established for more than 30 years, and is looking for new junior members.

The club is currently looking for children aged 8-15, and trains every Monday term time at the Colcot Sports Centre (new hall), 8-11 age group 5pm-6.15pm and juniors (11-15) 6.20pm-7.40pm. New adult members are also welcome.

For more information, contact Linda Rees on 01446 749965.



ABOVE: Pictured with their instructor Master Ron Thomas are: Jamie Halford, Thomas Haysham and Morganne Gomez Jones.

Once again, young Thomas Haysham gave the club a fine start by taking second in the traditional Korean patterns, followed by Jamie Halford also taking second in his category. Jamie then went on to take third in the weapons section.

Sunday was a good day for the Cadoxton School, with two firsts and one third place.

Thomas Haysham fought a very good American fighter in the final, this time taking the bout by two points.

Morganne Gomez Jones had to work hard to outpoint her bigger Canadian opponent, eventually taking the bout in extra time by one point.

Jamie Halford was again last up, where he was lucky to meet the eventual American winner, only losing out by two points and coming away with third place.

The school would like to thank all its supporters and parents for their help and support in getting these students to the World Games.

For further information and training times, telephone 01446 406372 or 07811 934079.

RUGBY: Sea View and Star

LAST week's rugby report on the game between the Sea View and Star second teams, unfortunately, had the match score transposed, giving Sea View the win.

The GEM is happy to confirm that the match score was, in fact, 40 - 16 in favour of Star Seconds.

Swimmers swell Swimathon funds

THIS year's Swimathon at Barry Leisure Centre helped swell the total raised for charities to £1.5m nationwide.

Swimmers at more than 500 UK pools took part to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Swimathon Foundation.

Swimmers who completed distances of up to 5km at Barry Leisure Centre raised £2,896. Local organisers Linda Smith and Jade Edwards, said: "We are delighted that so many people in Vale took part and we are thrilled with how much money was raised."

What's On IN BRIEF

Artworx competition

AS part of the winter season of exhibitions at Art Central, the Vale Council is running a Creative Artworx 'Spirit of Winter' art competition.

Three categories range from experienced professionals, semi-professionals and upcoming amateur artists/youth art (16-20 years).

For details, visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

History society fair

THE annual Glamorgan Family History Society (GFHS) fair will be opened at Cardiff City Hall on October 3, at 10am-4pm by broadcaster Roy Noble.

Admission is free and there will be advice available on tracing ancestors.

The six branches of the GFHS (Bridgend, Cardiff, Cynon Valley, Merthyr Tydfil, Pontypridd and Rhondda and Swansea) will also offer in-depth local knowledge.

There will be stalls selling old postcards, local and family history books, family and local history societies' publi-

cations. Also free lectures.

More details, at www.glamfhs.org.

Dyspraxia support

THE next meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will be held on Monday, October 5, in Barry Hospital, Colcot Road, at 7.30pm.

The Vale Dyspraxia Support group provides support for children with dyspraxia and their families. The group helps liaise with education authorities and is running a laptop project to support pupils with dyspraxia.

Coffee for choir THE Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's charity coffee morning is being held at the Corporate Site, Civic Office, Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, October 6, at 10.30am-12noon.

Proceeds will go to Barry Ladies Choir. **Flower club** THE Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers Club meets on October 7, at the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge, when Janet Davies will give a demonstration entitled 'Down Your Way'.

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB NEWS

A little 'tweaking' will go a long way

STEVE is usually one of the first to arrive to set up the projection system ready for the talk and generally be useful.

At the last meeting of the Penarth Computer Club, he was scheduled to give the talk on how to be in control of your computer. With minutes to go before the start, he arrived in haste having been delayed. Everything was ready.

He connected his laptop to the projector – and it wouldn't talk to the projector.

Why are inanimate objects so often like that? It is as if they know exactly when being awkward would have the most effect.

In a few minutes, Steve had wrestled his laptop into submission, thus proving that he, at least, was in control of his computer. He then proceeded to show everybody how to be in control of theirs.

He showed how to customise the view of the desktop (the view you enjoy when starting a working session).

The first button to click on is the start button. Even at this first stage there are options for what appears next. If you do not like the menu that pops up on start, you can revert to an earlier classic view that might be more familiar and perhaps more to your taste. Go: start > control panel; double click on Taskbar and Start Menu Properties.

Click on the Start Menu tab and you can have the choice between the normal start menu and the classic one.

Whichever one you prefer, if you click on the Customise button you will find options available.

There are too many options to explain in detail, but you can experiment with them when you are in the mood. The other tab on the dialogue box concerns the Taskbar at the bottom of the screen. There are interesting options for that, too!

When you right-click in any space on the desktop a dialogue box appears. The Themes tab will help you select from a variety of colour schemes for your windows.

The Desktop tab will let you choose the background picture (or a plain colour). The Screensaver tab has more than a dozen options – including a slide show of your own pictures if you wish.

The Appearance tab allows tweaking of all sorts of properties within the Windows Classic view.

The last tab, Settings, allows changes to be made to the resolution. The range of options will depend on the capability of your monitor.

You can adjust the settings to give the most satisfactory results. A lower resolution will result in displayed items being bigger, but consequently with room to show fewer items. Conversely a high resolution can show more items at a smaller scale.

Customisation doesn't stop there. Far more options exist. Start > Help > Customising your computer will open up a world of possibilities.

The keyboard and mouse offer a wealth of tweaks to suit your preference.

The mouse is a much-used tool to communicate with the computer and you can control the speed that it travels and what it looks like at start > control panel; double-click on Mouse.

You can switch the buttons left-to-right. You can select from 20 mouse schemes to find one that suits under the Pointers tab – even so far as to select individual icons to create your own scheme that you can save.

If you wish, you can arrange to have the pointer move automatically to a default button in a dialogue box to save yourself the trouble of moving it. This is useful for people who find difficulty in controlling mouse movements.

Who needs computer games when there is so much fun to be had playing with customisation? There's something for everyone and you are encouraged to play.

You can, perhaps, turn your computing experience from a chore to a pleasure. Happy tweaking.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 13, 7.30pm in All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. Howard will re-visit golden rules and the things you wish someone had told you when you started computing and introduce some new ones. Visitors and new members are welcome.

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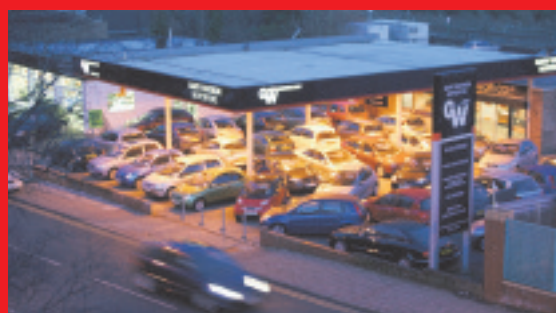


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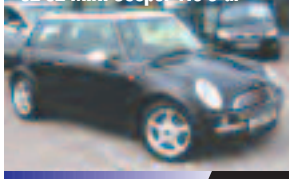
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WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE?

Mr Tristan Hobbs – **The Knapp Hotel, 2-4 The Parade, Barry** – change of use application for the Knapp Hotel, Barry from hotel (C1) to residential (C3) use including demolition of 'link' elements, creating four dwelling houses with associated garden areas and parking.

Mr M McGuire – **rear of Castle Wood and 8 and 9 Lettons Way, Dinas Powys** – reduce height of two trees by nine to 10 metres.

Mr Colin Anstee – **Beech House (aka The Far Post), Well Lane, St Nicholas** – fell Norway Spruce; cherry, four Leylandii trees and trees comprising Leylandii hedge.

Mr Ray Coombes – **30 Enfield Drive, Hunters Ridge, Barry** – porch to front of property.

Mrs B Morgan – **Belgrave House, Llanblethian** – fell one ash, one apple tree and one small conifer.

Mr W Muir – **4 Elm Grove Lane, Dinas Powys** – fell one silver birch and reduce height of remaining two.

Mr Michael Fox – **12 Beidr Iorwg, Pencoedre Village, Barry** – first floor extension above existing single storey side extension.

Bocam Park Limited – **land at Bocam Park, Pencoed** – 4/5 star grade hotel and conference centre with associated lake, including access details and all other matters reserved.

Mr Gareth Lewis – **18 Park Crescent, Barry** – to install 3mm aluminium composite panels over shop front to three sides to face mounted in 32mm aluminium frame powder coated.

Mr and Mrs James and Chloe Ford – **Tyn-y-Caeau Farm, Sutton Road, Llandow** – construction of a 12,000 bird free range egg production unit.

Mr David Lock – **26 Cedar Way, Penarth** – single storey rear extension to provide disabled showering and WC facilities.

Mr Robert Williams – **Keepers Cottage, Llandough** – extensions to dwelling, new detached garage with

room at first floor, new boundary wall with layby parking formed, with associated works.

Mr Mark Henke – **Castleton Court, Castleton Road, St Athan** – (a) replacement of dining room glazed roof and timber screen (b) replacement of render panels below windows with rebated stonework (c) external repointing of stone (d) replacement and reconstruction of external stone steps.

Mr Abdul Rouf – **51 Pill Street, Cogan, Penarth** – change of use from hairdresser to hot food take-away, to include the retention of the extractor fan in situ.

Mr Graham Breen – **10 Llanmead Gardens, Rhoose** – special needs adaptations, single storey extension to provide bedroom/en suite and lobby.

Mr Mark Gale – **41 Gwenfio Drive, Wenvoe** – proposed two storey and single storey extensions to side and rear of property, and detached double garage extension.

Mr William Henry – **19 Conybeare Road, Sully** – high hedge.

Azure Property LLP – **Somerfield, Weycock Cross (Texaco), Port Road, Barry** – rebranding of existing Texaco illuminated image on the forecourt canopy, forecourt stanchions and primary identifier display (PID or pole sign).

Mr Christopher Howarth – **20 Evenlode Avenue, Penarth** – erection of first floor extension and front and rear ground floor extensions and provision of swimming pool and pool enclosure.

Mr and Mrs Neil and Katy Tompkins – **1 Ferry Lane, Penarth** – demolition of car port and shed to rear of property and construction of garden room.

Mr Brian Meek – **Tresaeson House Yard, Tresaeson House, St Mary Hill** – proposed detached dwelling to replace existing warehouse.

Mr N Bibby – **239 Holton Road,**

Barry – change of use of existing ground floor shop/office to hot food takeaway together with internal alterations.

Mr Paul Woodham – **113 Brean Close, Sully** – bedroom extension and conservatory.

Mr Philip Freemantle – **15 Glebe Street, Penarth** – lawful development certificate for existing use of two flats above shop and one flat to rear of shop.

Mrs Shirley Taylor – **11 Bellevue Terrace, Penarth** – single storey extension to side.

Mrs A Lake – **21 Brean Close, Sully** – erection of single storey porch extension, alterations to front elevation and to ground floor layout of existing dwelling.

Mr Ian Dewhurst – **1119 Longmeadow Drive, Dinas Powys** – side and rear extension.

Mrs Carol Roderick – **Stepaside, River Walk, Cowbridge** – remove conifer in rear garden.

Mr MJ Bowman – **Claremont, 23 Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys** – fell pear tree.

Vanessa Jones – **1 Pant y Coed, Llanbethery** – crown lift and light thinking of walnut in front garden.

Springfield (Llandow) Ltd – **Springfield Spray, Sutton Road, Llandow, Cowbridge** – removal of two heavy fuel oil steam cushion boilers and associated chimneys.

Replacement with a single heavy fuel oil hot water boiler with a single chimney. Recladding and updating existing building structure to ensure continued use.

Mr M Camilleri – **10 Marine Parade, Penarth** – remove beech tree.

Mr Hailey – **16 Laburnum Way, Dinas Powys** – crown reduction to oak by 25 per cent.

Mr G Jones – **21 Windyridge, Dinas Powys** – (a) fell oak (b) crown lift/dead wood.

Carter Lauren LLP – **site adjacent to**

Bevan House, Penarth Road, Cardiff – redevelopment of redundant light industrial site with demolition of office and storage buildings and replacement with three new two-storey B1 office buildings.

Mr and Mrs Billingham – **5 church Rise, Wenvoe** – front extension and alterations to front wall and access to garage.

DEER, Vale of Glamorgan Council – **Barry Comprehensive School, Port Road West, Barry** – retrospective application for installation of cycle shelter for storage of 50 bicycles within school grounds.

Messrs VJ Thomas & Son – **Pancross Farmyard, Pancross Farm, Llancarfan** – renewal/retention of temporary consent to retain residential caravan at Pancross Farm for purposes of housing essential dairy farm workers. Consent was previously granted under

2006/01035/FUL. Consent requested until December 31, 2011.

Mr Gary Bennett – **33 Bramble Avenue, Barry** – proposed two storey extension and single storey extension (mono pitch) to side elevation.

Mr John Ashcroft – **1 Seys Close, Cowbridge** – extra room in roof space including dormer.

Mr Andrew Alsop – **23 Fonmon Road, Rhoose** – dormer window, conservatory, replacement of flat garage roof with pitched roof.

Mr Nial Sloan – **Orchard Cottage, Heol y Cawl, Llyswoorney, Cowbridge** – installation of an additional window to side elevation of existing dwelling.

Mr and Mrs Lock – **land adjoining the Old Rectory, Leckwith Road, Llandough** – conversion of existing coach house into a new dwelling, including the construction of a timber-framed single storey lean-to extension, a branch driveway off the existing drive, parking and garden areas.

Police warning after wave of bicycle thefts

RIGHT: PCSO Gareth Hillier with some of the bicycles recovered by Penarth police in recent



VALE Police are issuing a crime prevention warning, following a rise in the number of bicycle thefts across the county.

During the summer The GEM reported on thefts of valuable, high quality push bikes which had been stolen in Penarth and Dinas Powys.

The police say they are concerned that some people have left bikes unattended and unlocked, making them an ideal target for thieves.

"Owners should secure their bikes and take responsibility for them and not leave them unlocked and insecure."

"We have recovered a dozen bicycles from hedgerows and bushes in the Penarth area, particularly in the Marina area. Some of these may have been stolen from the Cardiff area."

"If you have had a pushbike stolen please contact Penarth police station as we may have recovered it."

Penarth community PCSO Gareth Hillier explained: "The rise in the number of pedal cycle thefts has come at a time when the weather has improved and more people are out riding."

"We would appeal to the public to keep their bike safe by using a lock which is up to the required standard, even if they are only leaving a bike unattended for a short while."

PCSO Hillier has arranged a number of special bicycle surgeries in the Penarth area in early October.

Cycle stamping using owners' post codes will be available.

The surgeries will be: Friday, October 2 at Penarth fire station from 3pm to 5pm

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Division favourites set the bar high for Bridgend Athletic

TONMAWR BRIDGEND ATHLETIC **25 3**

by **MARK DAVIES**

ON yet another Saturday with the sun shining strongly and the home pitch above the Afan Valley in excellent condition, the Athletic continued their league campaign at the division favourites, big-spending Tonmawr.

Despite being competitive and tenacious throughout, the Athletic had to learn the hard way that you cannot hope to compete at this level if you play for more than half an hour with one player less than your opponents, especially one with the tight forward strength and well-organised backs of the home team.

The early exchanges were scrappy, with both teams losing good positions due to infringements and a couple of wayward penalty attempts by Stuart Morris for the Athletic and Warren Davies for Tonmawr ensued.

The Athletic were playing tenaciously and, when the home team took exception to young flanker Tom Morgan's foraging in the loose, a scuffle took place in which a few punches were thrown and Morgan and Tonmawr's hooker, Harvey were asked to take a 10-minute cooling off period by the referee, Mr Kirkhouse.

Eventually, the home team infringed once too often and Morris sent a kick sailing through the posts from 45metres.

The Athletic were looking the sharper of the two outfits, with captain Rod Jones, Sean Williams and Ben Howe in fine form. Tonmawr were disrupted further when lock Hywel Davies and scrum-half, former-Athletic player James Donovan suffered injuries. Nevertheless, it was Tonmawr who now began to dominate the tight at both scrum and line-

out, and soon evened the scores with a well taken penalty by Davies.

The Athletic lost three successive line-outs on their own throw and, with captain Jones being shown yellow for some clumsy footwork at a ruck, Tonmawr took the lead through experienced fly-half Austen Howells' penalty. Tonmawr continued to dominate both scrum and lineout, and spent the last few minutes of the half camped on the visitors' line.

The half-time score was **Tonmawr 6 Bridgend Athletic 3.**

Tonmawr started the second half as they had finished the first, by exerting pressure on the Athletic line, where they forced two five-metre scrums and launched attacks which ultimately came to nothing as a penalty sent them back to half-way.

The Athletic appeared to relax for a moment and lost another lineout. Howells lofted a huge kick to the posts and the ball popped into the hands of home wing Gareth John, who crossed for an easy conversion from Howells.

The Athletic had it all to do and brought on fresh legs in the form of Hillman and Sainsbury for last year's youth team flankers Morgan and Howe, and the strong-running Sean Owens at centre to replace the ever-reliable Tom Goodwin.

Unfortunately, they suffered a further setback when Rod Jones was shown a second yellow card for another ruck infringement, and they were reduced to 14 men for the remainder of the game.

This proved too much for the Bridgend side. Tonmawr kicked to the corner and set up a driving maul and, with sustained and controlled forward play, forced their way over for a try again converted by Howells. The Athletic were sticking gamely to their task and strong runs by Owens and Apsee drove the home team back, only for possession to be kicked away – perhaps through a lack of confidence.

It was the home side who had the final say with a series of drives from scrum and lineout which eventually outnumbered the Athletic defence for No 8 Robert Hill to trundle over unopposed for the final score of the game. This latest setback pointed up the need for the Athletic to maintain control of possession when so much effort has gone into gaining the ball, and that they must trust to their handling and running skills to raise the tempo against other teams in this strong division.

Final score: Tonmawr 25 Bridgend Athletic 3.

Barizan could be bound for Cheltenham

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

BARIZAN, owned by Peter Conway, and trained by Llancarfan's Evan Williams, landed the Blue Square Novice Hurdle at Market Rasen last Saturday and, all going well, will run at the Cheltenham Festival next March.

Ridden by the legendary champion jockey Tony McCoy, Barizan made all the running to win unchallenged by 13 lengths from *Classic Contours*.

Earlier in the week at Worcester, Evan Williams' *Wishes*, partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney, beat the Tim Vaughan-trained *Penylan Dawn*.

Vaughan's *War Of The World*, partnered by Tony McCoy, came with a late run to finish second to *Valley Ride* in the principal chase at Market Rasen – the Blue Square Handicap Chase.

Valley Ride, who is trained in Pembrokeshire by Peter Bowen, will be trained with the Grand National in mind.

Street Rugby League comes to Nantymoel



LEFT: PCSOs Richard Thomas (left) and Gareth Evans and Crusaders' community development manager Matt Pritchard with young people of Nantymoel.

A NEW sport has started in the Ogmore Valley, as PCSOs Richard Thomas and Gareth Evans have been working closely with the Celtic Crusaders' community development manager, Matthew Pritchard, to introduce 'Street Rugby League' to Nantymoel.

Regular training sessions have now started, based at Nantymoel Boys and Girls Club, and take place every Monday, starting at 5pm.

Street Rugby League is a joint initiative between safer Bridgend and the Crusaders and provides young people with an opportunity to be coached by the Crusaders and Police Community Support Officers.

The training sessions will continue every Monday until December. They involve street rugby skills and not just rugby, as they may be involving boxing elements and fitness as well.

PCSO Thomas said: "All the Street Rugby League training and games will be held in open community spots such as local parks and playing fields, making it more accessible for youngsters to get involved. All ages and abilities are invited to take part."

Celtic Crusaders community development manager, Matt Pritchard said: "By working with the police and Safer Bridgend, we are able to offer teenagers the chance to play more sport right on their own doorstep."

POLICE MAKE SEVENS FINAL - BUT FALL TO THE IRISH

SOUTH WALES Police, who celebrate 40 years of rugby this season, took part in the first ever British Police Rugby Sevens, held at Stourbridge in tribute to everyone's friend and rugby's true gentleman Colin Hillman.

In their first game, they came up against a well-drilled Kent Police squad, but came out eventual winners 29-14 with tries coming from Lloyd Williams (two) Steve Harris, Dan Todd and Rhys Williams. Williams also added two conversions.

Next up were Strathclyde, and again a solid performance saw the Police run out winners by 28-14. Tries were scored by Steve Harris, James Cosslett, Rhys Williams and Matt Cunningham. Williams added two conversions, with Harris and Cunningham grabbing one each.

The Police then took on Gloucester and were firing on all cylinders, running in four tries with Matt Cunningham, Mike Richards, Lloyd Williams and Dan Todd grabbing a try each. Todd added a conversion and the Police were also awarded a penalty try, making the final score 27-12.

Winning their next game would see them through to the semi-final as group winners. This they achieved in fantastic style, beating Cumbria 33-0. Tries came from Mike Richards (two) Steve Harris, James Cosslett and Chris Davies. Richards added two conversions, with Harris and Todd grabbing one each. A solid performance came from Stuart Elson.

Semi final

IN the semi final, the Police took on Staffordshire who had looked good throughout their previous games, but the Police turned in a five-star performance to come out winners by 31-12.

Mike Richards claimed two tries, with Rhys Williams, Dan Todd and Steve Harris grabbing one each. Williams, Todd and Harris also added a conversion each, winning this game placed them in the final against the much fancied GARDA team.

Final

THE final seemed to be a game too far, and although they took an early lead through a try from Matt Cunningham, injuries and tired legs saw the the GARDA come out convincing winners by 36-5.

This was a tremendous effort by the whole squad. The president for South Wales Police, Steve Cottrell, thanked Lindsey Griffiths (team manager) for putting the squad together at short notice, and the whole squad for their commitment throughout the tournament.

Pencoed under-9s too strong for plucky Fardre

PENCOED under-9s welcomed Llantwit Fardre last Sunday on what turned out to be a great day for rugby.

Fardre had a newly-developed side but had total commitment from the off, and were putting together some strong running moves.

The forwards were in awesome form with Mikey Bosley, Owain Johns and Rhys Spurgeon hitting the breakdowns first every time. Oliver Lewis and Cael Chamberlain were making quick pick ups, driving forward and releasing the ball for speedsters Tyrion Harding, Sam Costelow and Rhys Bending to score early on.

Llantwit Fardre put up a spirited defence with Jack Foxley and Tom Hunter putting in some great tackles, but the skill level of the Bridgend team saw Owain Johns and Tom Bending go over for two each and Mikey Bosley, Rhys Spurgeon finished the first half with one try each.

Dewi Ward and Jack Morgan came on and continued the attacking and created several chances that were thwarted by the visitors.

The game was over, so the crowd thought, but this development squad from Fardre had a few more twists to add. They started to gel and were stopping Pencoed regaining their advantage at the restart.

The visitors create a few gaps and they ran in well-deserved try by Alex

Clark. They held Pencoed who were throwing everything in attack and who did pick up another score from Tom Bending.

When Ben Humphries went over for Pencoed's 10th try, quickly followed by Owain Johns and two more from Tom Bending the crowd thought the last few minutes would be a scoring run for the hosts. Not so. With a tremendous effort Llantwit Fardre went on an attacking phase which lasted almost to the whistle. Taking Pencoed from side to side resulted in an outstanding individual effort from Jack Foxley, who evaded several players running the half the length of the pitch to go over at the corner.

Man-of-the-match, Sam Costelow and for Llantwit Fardre the coaches voted for Jack Foxley.

Team: Mikey Bosley, Tyrion Harding, Cael Chamberlain, Sam Costelow, Ben Humphries, Dewi Ward, Tom and Rhys Bending, Oliver Lewis, Rhys Spurgeon, Owain Johns, Jack Morgan.

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The GEM Quiz League posers

TRY to beat the question-master!

(1) Botticelli famously painted the birth of which Roman Goddess standing on a pink shell in the sea?

(2) Which South American city formally constituted in the 1890s but not started until 1956, is laid out in the shape of an aircraft?

(3) Pat Hughes and Raymond Tuckey were

the last British pair to win what?

(4) What term is used in Scotland for a barrister?

A RUDGE (Hon Sec BGQL)

ANSWERS
1 Venus.
2 Brasilia.
3 The men's doubles at Wimbledon.
4 Advocate.

Porthcawl lose out in tennis

THE St Cyres year-8 and under, and year-10 and under teams qualified from the county section of the Aegon Team Tennis competition run by the LTA.

Both teams had to travel to play Porthcawl Comprehensive in the regional round. The year-8 and under team of Dana Yee, Rachel Hignett, Leah Cunningham and Corrie Driscoll won, and now face Sir Thomas Picton School, Haverfordwest.

The year-10 and under team of Safiyyah Azeez, Emily Jellings, Bethan Daw, Amy Wathan and Lauren McCarthy had some tough matches.

Safiyyah and Emily won both their singles and their doubles. Bethan, Lauren and Amy lost all their matches but won four games between them. This was enough to ensure victory for St Cyres 22-19.

Thanks go to the staff and pupils of Porthcawl Comprehensive. The matches were all played in an excellent spirit by both teams.

